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Princeton Theological Seminary. Society of Inquiry. Committee on Domestic Missions and Revivals.

Minutes of the Committee on Domestic Missions & Revivals.

Princeton Seminary

September 1845

Oratory Monday Evening Sept 6th 45

The Com. met & was opened with prayer by Mr Ellis
Absent at calling of roll Bogle, Dinsmore,
Ireland, Porter, Rowell, Williams, Woods & Young
Minutes of the last meeting were read and
approved. Mr Ellis was excused for not prepa-
-ring a report upon Conn. for Committee, and
was appointed to prepare such report for the next
meeting. Mr McCoy was excused for not prepa-
-ring the ten minutes report & was reappointed+
The question for the evening was discussed, and
the following selected as the subject of discus-
-sion at the next regular meeting.
"Is the method of raising funds for benevolent
objects by agencies, the most efficient"?
McCoy and Johnson were appointed to open the
discussion.
Adjourned with prayer by Mr Barnard

Henry P. Johnson Sec—

+ Mr Bogle sent in resignation as a member of the committee
wh. was accepted

Oratory Sept 29th 1845

Soc. convened,

& was opened with prayer by Mr Dalton, absent at calling of the roll Freeland, M'Coy, Mattoon, Porter, Shinn, M. Rowell — William, Woods, Messrs Dinsmore & Young were excused for absence from the last meeting. The following gentlemen were proposed & elected members of the committee, Messrs Lee, Wayne — Shiland, Davison, T. S. Brown, & Robertson.

The report for the committee upon Connecticut was read by Mr Eells, Mr M'Coy failed to read the monthly report for Soc. of Inquiry — The question for the evening was then discussed —

Messrs Baldwin, Mattoon, Giles, M'Coy tendered the resignation of their membership of Committee, which resignation was accepted —

Mr Porter was then elected as one of the com- of question in place of Mr Bogle.

Mr Dalton was chosen annual essayist — & Mr Johnson annual reporter in place of Messrs Giles & Mattoon

Johnson was appointed to write a report upon the present state of religion in New Jersey for the Committee at its next meeting — & Young to prepare the monthly report of Soc. of Inquiry —

The following question was selected for the next meeting. "What are the characteristics of a genuine revival" Dinsmore & Dalton were appointed to open the discussion, Meeting closed with prayer by Mr Dinsmore

Johnson Sec

Oratory Nov 3rd 1845

Com. convened,

And was opened with prayer by Bro Young. Absent at calling of roll. Barnard Buchanan, Davison, Porter, Rowell, Shiland Shime, Woods, R. Williams, & [illegible]

Mr Shime sent in his excuse for absence from the last meeting wh. was rejected by the Committee Messrs. Little, King, Forrest, Breed, A. Graham Ballantyne, Brugh, Niles & M. D. Williams were then proposed & elected members of Com.

Johnson read the monthly report for the Com. on the State of religion in N. Jersey wh. report was accepted. Young read 10 min. report for Soc. of Inquiry wh. was approved.

The subject for the evening was discussed. Lee was appointed to prepare a report for the Com. at its next meeting upon the whole or a part of the State of N. York ad Libitum. Eells was elected to prepare the next 10 min. report for Soc. of Inq. Bros R. Williams, Woods, & Shiland were then dismissed from Com. at their own request.

Question selected for next meeting

"Would it be expedient for a number of students upon leaving the Sem. to enter into an agreement to labor conjointly in some destitute part of our land. Disputants. Buchanan & T. S. Brown.

No more business Com. adjourned with prayer by Bro T. Dinsmore

Johnson Sec

Oratory Dec 1st 1845

Com. convened,

And was opened with prayer by Bro T. S. Brown. Absent at calling of the roll Breed, Brugh, Davison, Tells, King, Lee, Porter, M. Rowell & M. D. Williams. Bros Bannard, Buchanan & Shinn were excused for re absence from last meeting. Messrs Bush & Harbison were proposed & elected members of Com.

Bro Lee failed to read the report before the committee. The Annual Report for Soc. of Inquiry was then read by Bannard & Johnson, & was approved by the Com. The question for the evening was then discussed. Bro. Lee was reappointed with the same subject to report before the Com. at its next meeting. The Annual Report taking the place of the 10 minutes report for Soc. of Inq. for the present month. Bro Tells was considered as already elected to write that such report for the next month. Question for next meeting "Does the cause of Domestic Missions receive that share of attention from the Churches wh. its relative importance demands" Aff. Breed. Neg Bannard.

Bro Shinn was dismissed from Com. at his own request.+

Com. adjourned with prayer by Bro Dalton

Johnson Sec.

+ Bro Robertson was elected a member of our questions in place of Bro Porter.

Oratory Dec 29th 45

Com. convened,

And was opened with prayer by Bro Robertson. absent from calling of roll. Bailey. Bannard. Breed. Brugh. [redacted], Ells. Forrest. Ring. Lee Little. Niles. Wayne. M. Williams.

Mr Silliman was proposed & elected a member of the Committee. Most of the members of the combine absent from Sem. it was proposed & carried that the regular exercises of the evening with the exception of miscellany be posponed till the next meeting of Com. A request was presented from the Hastings Soc. that their occupancy of the Oratory might not be interrupted by any evening by the meetings of this Com.

On motion Buchanan & Robertson were appointed a committee to make inquiry & consult in reference to the general subject alluded to in said request & report as soon as practicable at a called meeting

Com. adjourned with prayer by Mr Buchanan

Johnson Sec.

Oratory Feb 2nd 1846

Com. convened,

And was opened with prayer by bro. Harbison. Mr Merrill being obliged to leave bro Young was called to the chair.

Absent Bailey, Brough, Bushe, Eells, Graham, Lee, Williams.

Excused from absence at last meeting, Breed, Forrest, King, Niles, Wayne.

Mr Rice was proposed & elected a member of the committee.

Mr Lee failed to read the monthly report for the committee. Mr Dalton presented the annual essay for the Soc. of Inquiry, wh. was approved by the committee.

The question for the evening was then discussed. The committee appointed to confer in regard to the request of the Hastings Soc. reported that owing to measures recently taken by said Soc. all action on the part of this com. was rendered unnecessary. Mr Robertson was then chosen to read the next 10 minutes report for Soc. of Inquiry. Bro Lee was excused from his appointment as reporter for the committee. Mr Little was appointed reporter for the next meeting, with permission to select his own field. The following question was then selected for discussion at the next meeting "Is it expedient for ministers in the new States, to aim at the establishment, of academies or high schools to be under the direction of ecclesiastical bodies." Aff. Ballentyne Neg Bailey.

Modus operandi

1. Call to order
2. Prayer
3. Roll
4. Minutes of last Meeting read & accepted
5. Names of absentees - Excuses accepted &c
6. Admission of New Members
7. Report of Cor: Secy accepted
8. Monthly Essay
9. Monthly Report (except when Annual report occurs) accepted &c
10. Question for discussion, read by Secy. & names of disputants
11. Report of Committee on Questions for next Evening.
12. Secy reads names of 2 disputants
13. Essay 1st for next Meeting
14. Reporter " "
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Motion to adjourn
17. Closed with Prayer &c

Com of Dom Rel

Com Committee of Domestic Mis

Modus operandi

1. Call to order
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9. Monthly Report (except when Annual report comes) accepted &
10. Question for discussion, read by Secy. & names of disputants
11. Report of Committee on Questions for next Evening.
12. Secy reads names of 2 disputants
13. Essayist for next Meeting
14. Reporter " "
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Motion to adjourn
17. Closed with Prayer.

Com of Dom Rel

Com Committee of Domestic Miss

No more business com. adjourned with prayer by bro Brown.

H. P. Johnson, Sec.

Oratory March 3rd 1841.

Soc. convened,

And was opened with prayer by Bro Graham. absent, Bailey, ~~Bxxxx~~, Brugh Davison, Eells, Lee, Niles, Rowell, M. Williams, Messrs. Bush, Eells, Graham, were excused for absence from last meeting.

Mr Robertson read the ten minutes report for the Soc. of Inquiry, wh. was approved by the Com. Mr Little read the monthly report for the Com. upon the general state of religion in N. Hampshire which was accepted. The question for the evening was then discussed. after the time allowed for the discussion had expired it was moved & carried that the question be continued for discussion at the next meeting. Mr Graham was then elected to prepare the next ten minutes report for Soc. of Inquiry. Mr Niles was appointed to report before the Com. at it next meeting with permission to select his own field, as the subject of report. It was moved that a committee of 3 be appointed to confer with & ~~decide~~ the Hastings Soc. & decide in regard to the occupancy of the Oratory upon the 1st Monday evening of the month, when the meetings regular of this Committee

shall fall upon that evening. Messrs Board, Dalton & Johnson were appointed as such committee.

No more business the Com. adjourned with prayer by Mr Wayne

Johnson Sec

Oratory Mar. 30th 1846

Com. convened,

And was opened with prayer by Mr Dalton. Absent Messrs Brown Brugh, Buchanan, Davison, Dinsmore, Ells, King, Little, Rice, Rourk, Wayne Williams, Young. Mr Lee was excused for absence from last meeting.

Mr Graham read the ten minutes for the Soc. of Inquiry which was approved by the Committee. The monthly report for the Com. was read by Mr Niles. It was accepted.

The question for the evening was then discussed.

Mr Sillimans was chosen to prepare the next ten minutes report for Soc. of Inquiry

Mr Rice was appointed to report before the Com. at its next meeting; his field of report to be ad libitum.

The committee appointed on March 3rd to confer with the Hastings Soc. reported that it had been agreed by them, in conference with the committee from the Hastings Soc. that when the regular meeting of the Com. on Domestic Missions

falls upon the 1st Monday Evening of the month (that after Monthly Concert), They. The Com. on Domestic Missions, shall occupy the Oratory. This report was accepted.

The following question was selected for discussion at the next meeting. "Is it proper to collect funds to aid the cause of Dom. Missions, by means of fairs."

Affs Young. Neg Williams

Committee was adjourned with prayer by Mr Breed

H. V. Johnson, Sec'y.

Oratory May 4th 1846

Com convened

And was opened with prayer by Mr Valentine. Absent Messrs Bailey, Brown, Brugh Davidson Eels Johnson King & Little. Messrs Dinsmore & Rice were excused for absence from last meeting. Mr Silliman read the ten minutes report which was approved. Mr Rice failed in his report ~~report~~ & was defered. It being the last meeting in the term the com. proceeded to the election of officers, for the year ensuing, which resulted in the choice of the following

For	Chairman	Mr	Breed
"	Rec. Sec	"	Niles
"	Coresp. Sec.	"	Johnson
"	Anual reporters	"	Valentine & See
"	Essayist		Graham
"	Com on Questions		Rice & Barnard

Mr Wayne was then chosen to read the next

ten minutes report for the Soc of Inquiry.
The question then selected for debate was the following "How can we increase the interest in the cause of Domestic Missions in the Seminary"? & there being no more business the com. adjourned with prayer by the chairman (Merrill)

S Bush Sec. protem.

Oraton Aug. 31st 1846

Committee convenesed & was opened with prayer by Mr Bannard. Absent Messrs. Bailey, Browne Brugh, Bush, King, Rice, Robertson, Sillinan & M. Williams. — Mr Rice was excused from reading his Report for the Com. till next meeting; & Mr Wayne in like manner, excused from his 10 minutes report for the Society of Enquiry.

The following gentlemen were proposed & Elected as members of the Committee — Messrs Kirkendaffer, Paxton Crawford, Emerson, J. B. Davis, W. McNair, G. D. Read & Cheek.

The subject for conference was discussed with manifest interest by the members present.

The following question was chosen for the next meeting — "By what methods, can the encroachments of the Romanists in our Country — especially in the West be best met?" Bailey & Ballentyne were appointed to open the discussion.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Wayne

Niles Secretary

Oratory Sept. 28th. '46

Committee met & was opened with prayer
Absent Messrs Cheek. Edds, Emerson, Crawford. Lee
Rice. & Silliman. The following gentlemen were proposed
& Elected. Messrs Mc Guire, Osmond, Reeves, Waldron
& H. Wilson. Mr Wayne read his 10 minutes
report for the Soc. of Enquiry, which was accepted.
The Question for Conference
was discussed with much spirit, till a late hour.
The following Question was chosen for the next meeting
Ought the Domestic ~~Religious~~ Board to attend its
labors to our Southern Slave population! Speakers
Affr. Bannard. Neg. Brown.
Mr Robertson was appointed to read the next report
before the Com. ~~Field Texas~~ Mr Brugh the 10 minutes Report for
the Soc'y of Enquiry. ~~Field Report.~~
Mr Ballentyne offered his resignation as
member of the Com. which was accepted.
Adjourned with prayer, by Mr Ballentyne

Bread Chairman Niles, Sec'y

Oratory Nov 2d 46

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Davis.
Absent at calling of the roll — Messrs Bailey. Bush, Crawford
Eells. King, McNair. Silliman & Wilson.
Minutes of the last meeting read & accepted.
Excused for absence from the last meeting, Messrs. Cheek
Emerson & Lee. Mr Robertson was excused
from reading his report on Texas, till the next meeting.
Mr Bright read his 10 minutes report for the Soc. of Enquiry
which was adopted.

Question for the evening was discussed till a late hour.
Question for next meeting — Ought the Missionaries of
our Board who labor where various sects abound, to
give special prominence to their own peculiar tenets?
Disputants appointed — Aff. Bush — Neg. Davis
Mr Emerson was chosen to read the next 10 minutes
report for the Soc'y of Enquiry.
Mr Brown was appointed to fill the vacancy on the
Committee on Questions. —
Adjourned with prayer by Mr Graham

Niles — Sec'y

Oratory Nov 30th 46

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Johnson. Roll called. Absent Messrs Bailey, Barnard, Brown, Crawford, Dinsmore, Ellis, McNair, Richelaffer, Paxton, Osmond, Reeves & Wilson. Mr Bergen was elected a member of the Committee. Mr Emerson read his 10 minutes report, which was adopted. Mr Robertson presented a verbal report in relation to the state of religious affairs in Texas, which was accepted.

On motion, Mr Emerson was added to the committee on preparing the Annual report. — The Question for the evening was discussed with much spirit, by the members.

Question for the next meeting— Ought the Presbyterian Church to discourage the practice of reading Sermons?

Disputants — Aff Cheek Neg. Dinsmore

Mr Davis was chosen to prepare the next 10 minute report for the Soc. of Enquiry.

Mr Dinsmore presented a letter from Young which was referred to the Soc. of Enquiry.

Mr Bush offered his resignation as a member of Com. which was accepted. Mr Ellis rendered his excuse for absence, & was restored to membership.

Mr Richelaffer was appointed Essayist for the next meeting.

Reed Chairman E. G. Little Sec. pro tem

Oratory Jan 4th 1847.

Committee convened, & the Chairman being absent, Mr Johnson was called to the Chair. Prayer was offered by Mr Emerson. Roll called, — Absent — Messrs Bailey, Bond, Brown, Crawford, Dinsmore, Eells, Lee, Reed, Wayne, Paxton, Reeves, Waldron & McGuire. Excused for absence from last meeting — Messrs Bannard, McNair, Rihldaffer, Osmand & Wilson. Mr Carroll was elected a member of Com.

Mr Davis not having finished his report, was requested to present it at the next meeting of the Soc. of Enquiry.

Mr Rihldaffer was excused from presenting his Essay, till the next meeting of the Committee.

On motion of Mr Check, the debate was defered till the next meeting.

Mr Check was elected Reporter for the next month.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Osmand

Niles — Sec'y

Oratory Feb 1st 47

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Johnson — Roll called. — Absent Bailey, Bergen Crawford, Ellis, Harbison, Little, McNair, Robertson Wayne, Wilson. Excused for absence from last meeting Messrs Breed, Brown, Dinsmore, Lee, Reed, Paxton, Reeves Waldron & McGuire. Mr Bailey having been absent for three successive meetings, without excuse, his name was stricken from the list & Mr Kirk elected in his place.

Mr Chuck was excused from presenting his Report till the next meeting.

Mr Rikeldaffer read an Essay on the State of religion in Texas, which was accepted.

Mr Graham read the annual Essay which was rec'd The question for discussion, was debated till a late hour.

Question for next meeting — Is the present system of operations adopted by our Domestic Board, best calculated to promote the object they have in view?

Disputants — Aff Ellis Neg. Emerson.

Mr Reed was appointed Essayist for the next meeting

Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Rikeldaffer

Breed Chairman — Niles Sec'y

Oratory March 1st 47

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Waldron.
Roll called — Absent — Messrs Bowne. Bergen. Cheek. Dinsmore, Emerson. Johnson. Lee. Reed. Wayne. McGuire & Wilson. Excused for absence from last meeting — Messrs Ellis, Harbison, Little & McNair.

Mr Crawford's name was stricken from the roll, according to rule, & Mr M.D. Williams was elected in his stead.

Reporter, Mr Cheek, & Epayist Mr Reed were both absent.

The Question for the evening was discussed.

Question for next meeting — Ought the Domestic Board to confine its appropriations strictly to the Western field?

Disputants — Aff. Graham. Neg. Harbison.

Mr Carroll was elected Reporter for the next month.

Mr Reed being absent from town, was continued as Epayist for the next meeting.

Committee closed with prayer by Mr Osmond.

Reed Ch'n C. Niles Sec'y

Oratory, March 29th '47

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Mc Nair.
Roll called — Absent — Messrs Breed, Bright, Bergen
Chiche, Dinsmore, Erlls, Graham, Johnson, Lee, Reed
Paxton, Waldron, Mc Guire & Wilson.

Excused for absence from last meeting — Messrs Brown, Emerson
& Wayne, Messrs M. L. Williams, & J. G. Reed
having left the Sem'y, Messrs Erskine & Philips were elected
in their stead. Mr Reed being absent, no Essay was
read before the Committee. Mr Carroll read an
Report which was adopted.

Question for the evening was discussed, & the following
chosen for the next meeting. — Ought the Presbyterian Church
to adopt the Methodist system of itinerancy, in Missionary
operations of the Domestic field?

Mr Paxton was appointed Essayist. — & Mr Hirk elected
Reporter.

Committee closed with prayer, by Mr Dinsmore

Breed Chairman Niles Sec'y

Oratory May 3d 47.

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Eells. Roll called, - Absent Messrs Bannard, Bergen, Brown Carroll, Dinsmore, Lee, Reed, Paxton, Reeves & Mr Shive.

Excused for absence from last meeting Messrs Breed Brugh, Cheeks, Eells, Graham, Johnson, Waldron & Wilson. Minutes of last meeting were read & accepted. Mr Bailey having been absent from town at several successive meetings, was on motion restored to membership of the Committee. Mr Bergen's name was stricken from the list according to rule; & Messrs Dixon & Shive elected.

Mr Hitch read a 10 minutes report which was accepted. The Essayist was absent from town; - & on motion, the Debate was postponed. Mr Osmond was appointed Essayist for the next meeting; & Mr Waldron elected Reporter.

Committee then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows.

For Chairman - Niles.
Recording Sec'y - Emerson.
Corresponding " - Graham
Annual Reporters - Hitch & Emerson.
" Essayist - Waldron.
Com. on Questions - Dixon & Brugh.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Bailey.

Breed Chairman Niles Sec'y.

Oratory, Aug. 30th 1847.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Little. The following members of the committee were absent on the calling of the roll; Brugh, Davis, Dixon, Erskine, Lee, Paxton, Reeves, Robertson, Wayne, Wilson.

The following persons were proposed as members of the committee & on motion, elected; Mc Neely, Knight, Lyon Pawling, D. King, Nobbs, Tully.

A ten minutes report for the Soc. of Inq. was read by Mr. Waldron & accepted by the committee.

Mr. Osmond was excused from reporting until the next meeting

The question for the evening was discussed & the following question selected for the next evening.

"Ought the board to send its missionaries into places already supplied with evangelical preachers: e.g. where New School Presbyterian or Congregational churches are established?

Debaters. — Aff - Little — Neg - Mc Nair.

Mr. Mc Nair was elected to read the next ten minutes report. Mr. Wayne's resignation as a member of the com. was accepted. Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Wayne.

J.E. Emerson, Sec.

Oratory, Oct. 4th 1847.

The meeting of the committee was opened with prayer by Mr. McNeely. Minutes read & accepted. Absent on the calling of the roll, Davis, Dixon, Erskine King, Lee, Little, Lyon, McNair Pawling, Wilson. Excused for absence from the last meeting, Brugh, Paxton, & Robertson.

On motion, miscellaneous business was taken up. Mr. Phillips offered the resignation of Mr. R. H. Reeves as a member of this committee which was accepted. Messrs Baker & Silliman were received as members of this committee. The 7th article of the Constitution was amended so as to read as follows: "The committee shall meet on the Monday evening preceding the first Thursday ~~evening~~ in each month except when such meeting would fall upon the same evening as the Monthly Concert. In such case, the committee shall meet on the succeeding evening."

Mr. Graham offered his resignation as Corresponding Secretary which was accepted. In the absence of Mr. McNair, Mr Phillips read the ten minutes report which he had prepared & stated that Mr. McNair would be present to read it himself at the next meeting of the Soc. of Inquiry. The report was received by the committee. Mr Osmond read his monthly essay wh. was received.

The question for the evening was discussed & the following question selected for the next evening:

ought Presbyterian ministers to hold union meetings with other denominations? Mr. Knight was chosen to read the next ten-minutes' report. Mr. Noble was appointed essayist for the next meeting & the Chairman appointed the religious condition of Iowa as the subject of his essay.

Mr. Cheek was chosen, by ballot, to fill the office of Corresponding Secretary made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Graham. On motion of Mr. Robertson the officers of this committee were appointed a committee to request Rev. Dr. McDowell, Secretary of the Domestic Missionary Society, to deliver an address before the students of the Seminary on some subject connected with the objects of inquiry of this committee. The Chairman stated it to be the duty of the Secretary to put the names of the members of the committee on the bulletin when he put up a notice of the meeting.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned with prayer by Mr. Knight.

J. E. Emerson. Sec'y

Oratory, Nov. 2nd 1847.

In the absence of the Chairman Mr. Bragh was appointed Chairman pro. tem. & called on Mr. Shivo to open the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Absent on the calling of the roll, Baker, Carroll, Davis, Dixon, Kilvy, Lee Mr. Neely, Niles, Pauling, Paxton, Phillips, Richelsaffer, Robertson, Waldron, Wilson.

Excused for absence from the last meeting Little & Mr. Nair. The resignation of Mr. Erskine as ~~a~~ a member of this committee was offered & accepted. Messrs Root & Christopher were elected members of the committee.

Mr. Knight read the ten-minutes report wh. was adopted. Mr. Noble read the monthly essay wh. was accepted.

The question for the evening was discussed & the following question chosen for the next evening:

Is error most effectually checked by direct attacks or by the simple preaching of the truth?

Mr. Mr. Neely was appointed to read the next monthly essay & Mr. Lyon was chosen to read the ten minutes' report.

On motion, the ~~Soc~~ Committee adjourned after prayer by Bro. Lyon

J. E. Emerson, Sec.

Oratory, Nov. 29th 1847.

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr. Baker. Minutes were read & approved. Absent, Brugh, Christopher, King, Kirk, ~~Davis~~ Lee, Lyon, Mc Neely, Pawling, Paxton, Root, Rikeldaffer. Excused for absence, Baker, Carroll, Phillips, Waldron. Messrs. Davis & Lee were excused for absence during the last three months, on account of sickness. Messrs Dixon & Wilson, having presented no excuse for absences during the same time, the committee ordered that their names be stricken from the roll. The resignation of Mr. Mc Neely as a member of the committee, was accepted. Mr. Lyon failed to present the ten-minutes report, & on motion, he was continued another month. Mr. Mc Neely failed to present the monthly essay. The annual Reporters not having prepared their reports, they were directed to prepare them & read them at the next meeting of the Soc. of Inq. without bringing them before the committee for their acceptance. Mr. Valentine was elected a member of this committee. The question for the evening was discussed & the following chosen as the question for the next evening: "Ought the Board to confine its appropriations strictly to the Western field?"

Mr. Mc Nair was appointed as the next monthly essayist.

On motion, the eleventh article of

the Constitution was amended so that instead of the words "for the session" were inserted the words, "monthly, in alphabetical order."

Committe adjourned after prayer by Mr. Cheek.

J. E. Emerson; Sec^y.

Oratory, Jan. 4th 1848

Conv. met. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Knight was called to preside. Mr. Kirk opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Absent: Brugh, King, Lee, Little, Lyon, Mc Nair, Niles, Noble, Pawling, Paxton, Phillips, Rikeldaffer, Shine, Waldron! Excused for absence from last meeting, Davis & Kirk.

Mr. Lyon failed to present his ten-minute's report. Mr. Mc Nair failed to present the monthly essay. In place of these, Bro. Robertson read extracts from the journal of a tour made by Rev. Dr. Yeomans.

On motion, the debate was postponed to the next months.

Mr. Root was elected to read the next ten-minute's report.

Closed with prayer by Mr. Graham

J. E. Emerson, Sec'y

Mason Library ~~Oratory~~, Jan. 31st 1848

Committee met at the usual hour, & in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Little was called to the chair & prayer offered by Mr. Graham. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. On the calling of the roll, there were absent, Messrs Baker, Carroll, Cheek, Davis, King, Kirk, Lee, Niles, Noble, Paxton, Phillips, Rikeldaffer, Robertson, Shive, Silliman.

Excused for absence from the last meeting — Brugh, Little, Lyon, McNair, Paxton. Mr. Christopher having left the Seminary & Mr. King having been absent from three ~~me~~ successive meetings of the committe without excuse, it was voted that their names be stricken from the roll. Mr. Osmond offered the resignation of Mr. Noble wh. was accepted.

Mr. Waldron read the Annual Essay wh. was accepted.

Mr. Root was requested to make some additions to his monthly report & present it at the March meeting of the Society of Inquiry.

Mr. Lyon presented his monthly essay on the German population wh. was accepted.

The question for the evening was discussed & the following selected as the question for the next evening: Should any other means for the promotion of Revivals than the stated preaching of the gospel be countenanced by the Presbyterian Churches?

Mr. Little was appointed as the next monthly essayist & Messrs Root & Silliman the committee on questions for the next month.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. McNair.

J. E. Emerson, Sec'y.

Mason Library Feb. 28th 1848.

Committee met at the usual hour & was opened by prayer by Mr Knight. Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.
At the calling of the roll, Ten were present Messrs Kirk, Knight, Osmond, Silliman, Valentine & Waldron.
At the suggestion of the Chairman, owing to the scarcity of members, it was moved & carried that we adjourn until tomorrow evening 7 o'clock

A. B. Knight Sec. Pro. Tem.

Mason Library, Feb. 29th 1848.

Com. met by adjournment from the previous evening. The minutes of that meeting were read & approved after prayer by Mr. Lyon. All those absent at the two previous meetings were excused. Absent at this meeting Baker, Brugh, Carroll, Lee, Little, Pawling, Payton, Phillips, Rikeldaffer, Robertson, Root, Shive, Waldron.

The few minutes reporter & the monthly essayist were both absent. The Sec. was directed to procure the report wh. Mr. Root had prepared, if possible, & present to the Soc. of Inq. at their next meeting.

The question for the evening was discussed & the following selected for the next evening.

Ought Ministers to vote at the popular elections or to hold any civil offices?

Mr. Valentine was chosen as the next reporter. Mr. Little was continued as monthly essayist. Mr. Cheek resigned his office as corresponding secretary & Mr. McNair was chosen to fill his place. Voted to hold the meetings of the com. hereafter, in the Mason Library.

Adjourned after prayer by Mr. Valentine.

J. E. Emerson, Sec.

Mason Library, April 4th 1848.

A very small number of the committee met at the usual hour & the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Sillimans. The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Absent, Baker, Carroll, Cheek, Davis, Graham, Knight, Lee, Little, Lyon, Osmond, Pawling, Paxton, Phillips, Rikeldaffer, Robertson, Root, Shive. Messrs Brugh & Waldron were excused for absence from the last meeting.

The ten minute's report of Mr. Valentine was read & accepted. The monthly essayist was not present.

The question for the evening was discussed & the following question selected for the next evening.

Is the method of raising funds for benevolent objects by agents the most efficient?

Debaters — Waldron & Baker.

Mr. Lyon was chosen to read the next ten-minute's report. Mr. Lee is the next essayist.

Adjourned after prayer by Mr. Kirk.

J. E. Emerson, Sec'y.

Mason Library
May 2. 1848. 7 PM

The committee met at the usual hour. In the absence of the Chairman Mr Osmond was called to the chair, and Mr. Waldron was appointed Secy pro tem — Mr Bruyh opened the meeting with prayer. at the calling of the roll the following members were found to be absent, - Baker. Carroll. Cheek Davis, Emerson. Graham Kirk Knight Lee. Little. Niles. Pawling. Paxton. Riheldaffer Root. Shive. Silliman. & Valentine.
Messrs Lyon & Bruyh were excused for absence from last meeting. - Mr Lyon was allowed to present his report to the Socy of Inquiry, without reading it before the Committee. - The Debate was post-poned until the next meeting. The Committee then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year wh' resulted as follows. -

Chairman — Graham
Rec' Secy — McNair
Cor. Secy — Kirk
Annl. Reporters - Davis & Pawling
Annl. Essayist - Emerson.

Mr Root was elected as Monthly Reporter for next meeting - Mr. Kirk is the next Monthly Essayist
subject for debate "Is the method of raising funds for benevolent objects by agents the most efficient?" —

Disputants – Waldron & Baker
adj with prayer by Mr McNair

C N Waldron
Sec. pro tem

Oratory Tuesday Evening
Septr 5th 1848

The Committee met at the usual hour and was opened with prayer by Mr Kirk – Mr Root failed to present his ten-minutes report, and was excused. Mr Kirk also failed to present his monthly essay and was excused by the Committee. The Question for the evening "Is the method of raising funds for benevolent objects by Agents the most efficient"? was discussed by the members of the Committee. The appointed disputants viz Waldron & Baker were absent – Mr Knight was elected monthly reporter for the Soc. of Inquiry –
Mr McNair is the next essayist – The following question was chosen for debate on the next evening – "Should ground already occupied by our Methodist Brethren be considered missionary ground for Calvinistic Churches"?
Disputants – Kirk & Knight
The Committee on questions for the next meeting consists of Lyon & McNair –
Messrs. McKinley, Camfield & Wardlaw were elected members of the Committee – The Committee adjourned with prayer

Wm W McNair Sec

Oratory Octr 3^d 1848

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr Root — Messrs Stewart of Newton & Williamson were elected members of the Committee — The Monthly Epay was then read by Mc Nair. The subject of the Epay was, the religious state & prospects of Oregon — M^r ~~Kirk~~ Knight the Monthly Reporter was absent — The Question for the Evening viz, "Should Ground already occupied by our Methodist Brethren be considered Missionary ground for Calvinistic Churches"? was discussed by Mr Kirk, & Mc Nair who supplied the place of Mr Knight — Mr Hardlaw was elected next Monthly Reporter — Mr Newton was appointed next " Epayist — Mr Kirk was elected Annual Reporter in place of Mr Paulding — It was moved that Mr Kirk be excused — lost — Moved that Mr Newton be excused from acting as next Epayist — lost "The religious condition of Texas", was the subject assigned by the Committee to Mr Newton The following question was then chosen for debate next meeting — "Is it proper to collect money for Domestic Missions by means of Fairs"?

Disputants Lyon & Mc Kinley

Committee on questions Mc Nair & Newton

The Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Mc Kinley

Wm N Mc Nair Sec

Oratory Octr 30th 1848

The Committee met at the usual time and was opened with prayer by Mr. Phillips - Mc Knight was excused for absence the last evening and for failing to present his monthly report. Messrs. Phillips & Waldron were also excused for absence Mr. Wardlaw was on motion permitted to read his report before the Society of Inquiry without presenting it to the Committee — The Question for the evening was discussed by Messrs. Lyon & Mc Kinley and by the members of the Committee -
Mc Kinley was elected monthly Reporter for next month - Mr. Phillips is the next Epagist -
The question chosen for the next meeting is as follows - Is there any thing in the Religious State of California that demands the immediate attention of our Board? - Disputants Mc Nair & Newton — Messrs. Cooper, Milliken & Perry were elected members of the Committee —
The Committee on Questions for the next meeting Phillips & Root — The Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Lyon —

Wm W McNair Secy.

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Oratory Dec. 4th 1848

The Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Knight. Mr Newton was excused for absence last meeting. Mr McKinley was excused for not presenting his Monthly Report Mr Phillips read his Monthly Essay on the importance of young Mens going West when they enter the Ministry. The question for the evening viz Is there any thing in the religious State of California that demands the immediate attention of our Board? was discussed by McNair & Newton, and by other members of the Committee.

The following question was chosen for next meeting "Should not Pastors of some experience be employed in prosecuting the work of Domestic Missions, rather than Young Men?

Disputants — Perry J.C. & Phillips

Mr Cooper was elected next Monthly Reporter

Mr Root was appointed " " Essayist and California was assigned as his subject

Committee on Questions Root & Stewart J.

The Committee then adjourned with prayer by

Wm W McNair Sec.

John Graham Chairman

Oratory Jan. 2d 1849

The Committee met at the usual time and was opened with prayer by Mr Milliken The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The Roll was called and the following members were absent viz Davis, Emerson, Kirk, Knight Lyon, McKinley, Newton Perry, J Stewart, Waldron, Wardlaw, Williamson Mr Littell was elected a member of the Committee Mr Cooper presented his Monthly Report which was accepted. Mr Root was excused from reading his Monthly Essay and was postponed to the next month. The Question for debate was on motion postponed to the next meeting - Mr Milliken was elected next Monthly Reporter - Committee on Questions for next meeting Root & J Stewart — Mr Waldron was excused for absence last evening The Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Waldron

Wm W McNair Secy

John Graham Chn

Oratory Jan. 30th 1849

The Committee met as usual and was opened with prayer by Mr. Emerson. The following members were absent from the calling of the roll J B Davis, Kirk, Littell J Stewart, Williamson. Messrs J B Davis Canfield Emerson Kirk, Knight Lyon, McKinley Newton Perry, Phillips, Waldron & Wardlaw were excused from absence last evening —

Mr Emerson was excused from presenting his annual essay on account of absence from the Seminary most of the year. Mr Milliken read his monthly report which was accepted & ordered to be read to the Society of Enquiry instead of the annual essay — Mr Root read his monthly essay which was accepted —

Messrs Byers & La Fourrette were elected members of the Committee — The question for the evening viz Should not Pastors of some experience be employed in prosecuting the work of Domestic Missions rather than young men? was discussed by the Committee. The following question was chosen for next evening "Should the Restoration fund be adopted by our Church"?

Disputants Root & Waldron
Reporter Mc Kinley
Essayist Waldron

Committee on Questions — Wardlaw & Williamson

The Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr La Fourrette

Wm W McNair Sec

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Oratory February 27th 1849

The Committee met at the usual time. The Chairman being absent, Mr Cooper was called to the chair and the Committee was opened by prayer by Mr Saxton

The roll was called and the following members were absent, Canfield, Davis, Emerson, Graham, Kirk Knight, Lyon, Phillips, Stewart J. Wardlaw. The name of Mr Williamson was stricken from the roll on account of absence for three successive meetings —

The Monthly report was then read by Mr McKinley and accepted by the Committee. Mr Waldron was excused from presenting his essay — The question for the evening viz "Should the Protestation fund be be adopted by our Church"? was discussed, and the following question was chosen for next month — Ought the Presbyterian Church to discourage the practice of reading sermons?

Disputants — Wardlaw & Canfield

Mr Littell was elected next Monthly Reporter for the Society of Enquiry — Mr Wardlaw was appointed the next essayist — Committee on Questions for next meeting — Cooper & Davis J B —

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Littell

Wm W McNair Secy

Oratory March

The minutes of the March meeting were lost on account of the absence of the Secretary.
The question chosen for the next meeting was as follows - "Is the cause of Domestic Missions best promoted by insisting upon the peculiar doctrines of the Presbyterian Church?" —

W W McClain Secy —

Oratory April

Committee met at the usual hour - The Pres't being absent Mr Phillips was called to the Chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Cooper - The debate was on motion postponed to the first meeting of next session, and the Committee went at once into an election for Officers for the next year. The election resulted as follows -

Mr Root was elected President
Mr Milliken " " Rec. Secretary
Mr McKinley " Cor. Secretary
Messrs Lattimette & Byers " Annual Reporters
Mr Canfield " Annual Essayist
Mr Perry was chosen the next Monthly Reporter
Debaters — Lattimette & Byers
Com. on Questions Lyon & McKinley
The Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr McClain

Wm W McClain Secy —

Mason Library Sep 8th, 1849

A special meeting of the Committee was called for the purpose of re-electing a chairman &c &c.

The Committee met & Bro Littell was called to the chair the presid't being absent.

The Committee opened with prayer by Bro Canfield & then proceeded to the election of President which resulted in the election of Bro't La-Tourrette,

The following Brethren were elected members of the Committee,

Bro. McFarland	Bro. Crowell
" Botsford	" Klink
" Coldwell	" Howell
" Painter	" Bannuys
" Morgan	" Templeton,

The secretary offered his resignation & it was accepted, Bro Canfield elected secretary.

Question chosen for discussion. Has the west a higher claim upon the Domestic Board than the south?

Disputants Byers & McKinley—

Canfield chosen Reporter & McKinley Essayist

Committee on questions, Milliken & La-Tourrette,

No more business adjourned with prayer by Bro McKinley—

S. J. Milliken, Secr't.

Mason Library Sep. 24th 1849

The Committee met pursuant to notice & was opened with prayer by Bro. Crowell The roll being called Messrs Bottsford Klink McFarland Morgan Painter Vannys. were found to be absent.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read & approved

Monthly Reporter failed to perform the duties & was excused

On Motion Messrs Moore & Armstrong were elected members of the Committee.

The Monthly Essay was then read by Bro McKinley upon the importance of Domestic Missions which was approved.

The question for the evening ~~was dismissed by~~ viz "Has the West a higher claim upon our Domestic Board than the South"? was then discussed by Messrs Byers & McKinley the regular debaters after which a general & animated discussion took place.

Moved by Mr McKinley, That it is the earnest desire of this Committee that the persons appointed to perform the exercises shall be careful to be prepared & more especially the Monthly Reporter.

Essay for the next meeting Mr Milliken

Reporter " " " Mr Crowell.

Debaters negative Milliken affirmative Morgan.

Question for next evening "Should the method of Collecting Money for our Boards by Agents be abandoned."

Moved that the Subject of the next Essay be Iowa. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Byers

W Canfield R.S.

Oratory October 28th 1849.

The Committee met pursuant to notice & was opened with prayer by Bro Morgan. The roll was called & the following members found to be absent. Byers. Littell. Mc Farland. Mc Kinley. Painter. Vannys. Mr Bottsford was excused for absence from the last meeting. Mr Morgan's excuse was not sustained.

On Motion of Mr Morgan Messrs Forsman & Bittinger were rec'd into the Committee

The monthly Essay was then called for. When Bro Milliken rose & read a [illegible] description of the destitutions in Iowa. Bro Crowell read an interesting Report detailing many encouraging signs & several Revivals in Iowa. Illinois. Virginia. Tennessee. Kentucky & Indiana.

The Question for the evening was then discussed in the affir by Bro Templeton as substitute for Bro Morgan. & in the negative by Bro Milliken. & Crowell.

Question for the next evening. "Ought our Domestic Board to adopt a System of Itineracy for our Western Country"?

Debaters

affir Painter
Essayist [illegible]

Negative Templeton
Reporter Klink

Subject for the next Essay "The Southern States".

Moved by Mr Milliken that any Member who shall absent himself from a regular meeting of the Committee or from the hearing of the Report & the Debate without a valid excuse shall be subject to

a fine of twenty five Cents.
adjourned with prayer by Bro ~~Mc~~ Holwell
J M Canfield R S.

Oratory November 24th 1849.
The Committee met pursuant to notice & was opened with prayer by Bro Moore
The roll being called the following Members were found to be absent - Klink - Mc Forland - Mc Kinley, Morgan, Vannys -
Mr Milliken objected to the words pathetic striking & interesting as occuring in the minutes of the last meeting - which on motion were ~~refe~~ striken out the Chairman giving the casting vote -
Bro Painter was excused for absence from the last meeting -
The Reporter & Essayist both failed of their duty -
The Question for the evening was then discussed in the negative by Bro Templeton - & in the affirmative by Bro Painter -
On Motion the following Brethren were admitted into Membership with the Committee - Connover - Reed - Chamberlain Bunting -

The Reporter & Essayist both failed of their duty.

The question for the evening was then discussed in the negative by Bro Templeton & in the affirmation by ~~the~~ Bro Painter. after which by invitation the Rev Mr Hammer addressed the Meeting on the affirmation of the Question.

Question for the next Meeting
What are the characteristics of a genuine Revival?

Reporter Howell Essayist Painter

Debaters

affirm Vannus Neg. Armstrong

On Motion of Mr Milliken the Committee went into the election of a new member to the Committee on Questions who resulted in the election of Mr Crowell

Subject for the next Essay "Southern States"

On Motion of Mr Milliken the time for the regular Meeting was changed to the Monday preceding the first day in every Month.

Closed with prayer by Mr Hammer

J W Caufield R. S.

Special Meeting-

Oratory Nov 30th 1849 8 P.M-

Meeting was called to order by the President, who informed the Committee that the Reporter elect would not be ready to report till the morrow; upon which it was resolved that the Committee meet to hear the Report on the following Morning before the Meeting of the Society of Inquiry—
No further business- Adjourned with Prayer by Brother Comfield-

W. D. McKinley
Lee Pro Tem—

Special Meeting-

Oratory Dec br 1849 8 A.M-

Committee was called to order by the President, & meeting opened with prayer by Brother Caldwell-
The Monthly Report was then read by Brother Klink and adopted-
No further business— Adjourned with prayer by Brother Chamberlain—

W. D. McKinley—
Lee- Pro Tem——

Special Meeting.

Oratory Jany 7th 1850.

Meeting was called to order by the President and opened with prayer by Brother Foreman.
The following brethren were elected members Messrs R. C. Calmery- P. V. Melick & D. A. Wilson.

Bro: Templeton was appointed Essayist for the regular meeting — Monthly Reporter Bro: Howel — Bro: McKinley was elected to the office of R. Sec. vacated by Bro: Canfield —
Bro: Templeton moved that the question as to the power of the Committee to make and enforce rules fining members for non-attendance be sent before the Board of Managers of the Society of Inquiry; the consideration of which was, upon motion of Bro: Crowell postponed till the next meeting —
Bro: Templeton moved that a special meeting be held next Monday Evening — Carried —
On motion Adjourned — Closing prayer by Brother Chamberlin —

W. D. McKinley R Sec.

Special Meeting

Oratory Jany 14th 1850

In absence of the President Brother Colmery was called to the Chair — Bro: Milliken offered the opening prayer.
The Committee then proceeded to the consideration of the motion postponed at the last meeting, which after some discussion was carried, and Bro: Milliken appointed a committee to carry the business before the Board of Managers of S. I.
Adjourned with prayer by Bro: Hinks —

W. D. McKinley —
R. Secretary —

Oratory Jany 28th 1850

The committee met, and the President being absent Bro: Klink was called to the Chair.
The opening prayer was offered by Bro: Caldwell.
On calling the Roll the following gentlemen were found to be absent: Messrs Bunting, Byers, Canfield, Foresman, Howell, La Tourrette, Milliken, Morgan, Painter, Read, & Vannuys.
Minutes of the last regular & of the Special meetings read, and after correction adopted. Brothers Klink & McKinley were excused for absence at the last regular meeting.
Bro: Templeton read an Essay on the "Southern States."
Bro: Howell read the monthly Report, which was accepted.
C. Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Bro: Jno: Stewart dated Depere. Brown Co: Wisc. Dec 24th 1849. Accepted.
The Question for the evening was then discussed by Bro: Armstrong. Bro: Vannuys being absent.
Bro: Chamberlain was elected Reporter for next month. Bro: Wilson was appointed Essayist, and the subject assigned was: "The States of Indiana & Illinois as Missionary fields".
Disputants for next evening Brothers Bittinger & Bottford. Question for Debate: "Ought Presbyterean ministers to hold union meetings with other denominations?"
Committee on Questions Bunting & Byers.
On motion adjourned with prayer by Bro: Colmery.

W. D. McKinley
R. Sec

Oxatory Feb 18th 1850

The Committee met & was opened with prayer by Bro Bittinger. On the calling of the roll the following members were absent Messrs Caldwell, Colmery, Canfield, McFarlane McKinley, Moore & Reed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & after being corrected were adopted.

Brothers Bunting, Howell & La Tourette were excused for absence from last meeting.

An interesting letter from Bro McNair of Hyacena, Columbia Co Wisconsin was read & accepted.

Bro D. Wilson read an Essay on the subject assigned him. Bro Chamberlin read the monthly report which after corrections was accepted.

The question was then discussed. Bro Armstrong was appointed Essayist. Subject

Bro Botsford was elected reporter for the next month.

Question for debate. Would it be expedient for the interests of the Church that the Old & New School bodies unite?

Aff Bunting. Neg. Byers.

Committee on Questions Caldwell & Colmery.

On motion the Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Bunting.

J. J. Millikan
Secy. pro tem.

Oratory March 26th 1850

The Committee met at the usual hour, and was opened with prayer by Bro: Wilson.

Upon calling the Roll the following Brethren were found to be absent: Messrs Armstrong, Botsford, Byers, Caldwell, Colmery, Conover, Crowell, Foreman, Klink, McFarland, Moore, Morgan, Read, & Vannuys.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Bro's: Canfield and McKinley were excused for absence.

Bro: Safford was elected member of the Committee.

Bro: Armstrong failed to read the Monthly Essay.

Monthly reporter, Bro: Botsford, failed to report.

Bro: Howell moved the debate be postponed till next meeting. Carried.

The Committee sent a request to Bro: Botsford to report before the next meeting of the Society of Inquiry.

Bro: Bittinger moved that Bro: Armstrong be retained as Essayist for next Month. Carried. Subject: Iowa & Wisconsin.

Reporter elect for next month Bro: Conover.

Dispentants Bro's: Bunting & Byers.

Committee on Questions Bro's: Caldwell & Colmery.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro: Conover.

W. D. McKinley. R. Sec.

Oratory April 29th 1850

The Committee met at the usual hour, and was opened with prayer by Bro: McKinley.
On calling the Roll the following brethren were found to be absent, Messrs Bunting, Caldwell, Colmery, Comfield, Crowell, Foreman, Klink, McFarland, Melick, Milliken, Moore, Morgan, Read, Templeton, Cammys, & Wilson.
Minutes of the last meeting read & adopted.
Monthly Essayist, Bro: Armstrong Excused.
Bro: Conover read the Monthly Report.
Debate was postponed till next meeting.
Essayists for next meeting Bro: Bittinger.
Reporter " " " " Safford.
The following officers were elected for next session:

Chairman —	D. A. Wilson.
Rec. Secretary —	Chamberlin.
Cor. Secretary —	Byers.
Annual Reporters	Howell & Armstrong.
" Essayist	Safford.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro: Conover.

W. D. McKinley R. Sec.

Oratory Sept 21st 1850.

The Committee was called to order by the Pres. and prayer was offered by Bro. Howell - The Pres. then informed the Committee that it was necessary that a Reporter should be chosen for the next Monthly meeting - That part of the Constitution being suspended which relates to the election of a Reporter by ballot, the Committee proceeded to make choice of one by nomination which resulted in the election of Bro. Bunting.

Adjourned with prayer.

A. Chamberlin. Sec.

Oratory September 30th 1850.

The Committee met at the usual hour. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Mc Kinly was called to preside, after which the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Howell. In calling the roll only the following members were found to be absent, Messrs Armstrong, Klink & La Bonnette. The minutes of the last regular & also of the special meeting were now read & adopted.

The admittance of new members now being in order the following persons were received. Mr Mc ——, Laverty Cameron, Cobb, Hardie, Kirkpatrick, Kauffman.

The Monthly Essay was read by Mr Bittinger and the Monthly report by Mr Bunting. The Report of the Cor. Sec. was accepted. The question was discussed was "Would it be expedient for the interests of the Church that the old & New School Bodies unite"? Mr Bunting in the aff. & Mr Byers in the neg. - Other members of the Committee also ~~take~~ took part in the debate. The

following question was selected for discussion at the next meeting. "ought Presbyterian Churches to discourage the practice of reading Sermons" Reporter elect for next meeting Mr Foresman. Essayist Mr Botsford. Adjourned with prayer.

A. Chamberlin. Sec.

Oratory. ~~Oct~~ Oct 28th 80.

The Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr McKinley. Upon the calling of the roll Mr Armstrong and Mr Crowell were found absent. The following persons were admitted members. Messrs Burr, Hodge, Battie, Calvin, and Huntington. Mr Botsford was excused from reading the Monthly Essay. Mr Foresman not having prepared the Monthly Report, was requested to write it during the week. The question for the evening was discussed and the following question was chosen for the next regular meeting "Has the West a greater claim upon Missions than the South"? Committee on Questions at next meeting Mr Foresman & Hardie. For Essayist Mr Bentley. For Reporter Mr Cameron.

Miscellaneous business being now in order Mr Byers & Milliken sent in their resignations which were accepted. The rules were now suspended to admit Mr Hughes and Jones as members of the Committee.

The business of the evening having been transacted the Committee adjourned with prayer.

A. Chamberlin. Sec.

Special Meeting -

Nov 1st 1850.

Committee was called to order by the Chairman and the meeting opened with prayer. The Monthly Report was now read by Mr Foreman & adopted on ~~and~~ amendment having been made. In consequence of the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary at the last meeting, Mr ~~Howard~~ Huntington was chosen to fill the office. Annual Report for next meeting Mr Howell.

adjourned with prayer.

A. Chamberlin. Sec.

Oratory, Monday evening. Nov 25th 1850.

The Committee came together as usual, Mr Wilson in the Chair. ~~Minutes~~ The Meeting was opened with prayer & the minutes of the last, and of the preceding meeting were read and accepted.

The Cor. Secretary had received no letters during the month - The Monthly Essay was read by Mr Bunting and the Annual Report by Mr Howell which were accepted.

The debate now being in order, the question was ably discussed on the aff. by Mr Crowell, and on the neg. by Mr Foreman, other members of the committee also took part in the discussion. The question selected for next meeting is the following "Should Moral Reforms independent of the Church be encouraged?" The Committee on questions for next time are Howell & Hughes. Essayist - Mr Bunting Monthly Reporter Mr Cameron whose report ~~of~~ was defered at the last meeting on account of the Annual Report coming in its place.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Baudin.

A. Chamberlin. Sec.

Mason Library Jan 27th 1851.

The Committee met as usual, Mr Wilson in the chair. On the calling of the Roll an unusual number were found absent.* The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted.* No letters had been received by the Cor. Secretary since the Committee last met. The Essayist for the evening was absent. The Monthly Reporter failed in discharging his duty. The disputants were not present & the debate was in consequence deferred.

Essayist for next meeting Mr Calvin,

Reporter Mr Beattie, Adjourned to meet on the first day of Feb. at 12 o'clock to hear the Report which should have been read during the evening.

A. Chamberlin Sec.

Mason Library Feb. 1st 1851

Special Meeting -

The Committee met according to appointment to hear the Monthly Report, which was read & accepted.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Conover.

A. Chamberlin Sec.

* P.S. In Motion of Mr Beattie, Mr Baylor was received into the Committee.

Mason Library Feb 24th /57

The Committee met as usual & in the absence of the Pres. Mr McKinley was called to the Chair.
The Cor. Sec. being absent no report was presented.
The Monthly Essay was read by Mr Calvin. The Monthly Report was deferred until next regular meeting in consequence of the Annual Essay coming in its place.
The regular disputants of the evening being absent the question ~~was of this~~ "Should Moral Reforms independent of the Church be encouraged" was discussed ~~with much eloquence~~ by Messrs Calvin, Sayler, Klink, Kirkpatrick & others. The question selected for next meeting is the following "Are Theol. Seminaries as well calculated to make an efficient Ministry as private study".
Essayist for next meeting Mr Conver.
It being thought advisable by the Pres. that the Constitution be revised a committee of three viz Mess Klink, Calvin & Howell were appointed to take the matter into consideration & report at next regular meeting. There being no further business the committee adjourned to meet at 12.0' clock on Sat. of this week to hear the Annual Essay read.

A. Chamberlin. Sec.

Mason Library March 31. /57

The Committee met as usual. The Pres. being absent Mr McKinley was called to the Chair. A quorum not being present on account of many being absent to attend Presbytery & others to hear the Lecture of Mr Lord ~~on~~ the Society adjourned.

A. Chamberlin. Sec.

Mason Library Apl. 28. 1851

Pres. Wilson, being absent, on motion Mr. McKinley took the Chair. Opened with Prayer by Mr. Taylor.

Absent (see Roll last page) —

Minutes, amended by striking out "with much eloquence", as improp.

Essayist — Mr Conover — failed, Reporter, Mr. Beattie do.

The Quest. "Are Theol. Sem." (see opp. page) — was opened on the Aff. by J. P. Lapperd (in behalf of Mr Lowell) and on the Neg. by Mr Taylor (for Mr Hughes) —

Essayist — for Sept. 1 —	Mr. Foresman
Debaters — " " " —	" Malick
	" Kaufman
Com. on Quest.	" McFarland
	" McKinley

Reporter McFarland

Com. on revision of the Constitution failed to report.

Annual Election — being in order resulted as follows —

President	J. Price Lapperd
Rec. Sec'ty	J. Henry Kaufman
Cor. "	Chas. H. Taylor
Annual Reporter	H. J. Calvin 1st
	D. Beattie Alternate
Annual Essayist	J. Kirkpatrick Jr.

On motion of Mr Taylor the Com. instructed the subject of "The Strength and Progress of Infidelity & Romanism in the West" for the monthly Essayist —

On motion the Quest. of this evening was continued for the next meeting.

Mr Chamberlin's resignation of Membership was accepted.

Closed with prayer by Mr. A. P. Botsford

J. P. Lapperd

Sec'y pro tem.

Special Meeting.

Oratory. May 2nd 1851.

The Committe was called to order by the President, and meeting opened with prayer by Brother Bittinger.

The President offered his resignation (including his membership in the Committee) which was accepted. The Committee then went into an election for Pres to fill the vacancy when brother Calvin was declared President of the Committee.

Meeting closed with prayer by Bro Taylor

D. Henry Kaufman R. S.

Oratory. Sept. 29th 1851.

The Committe was called to order by the Pres' and meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Taylor. The roll being called Messrs Beattie. Bolsford. senr. Cameron. Foresman. Hodge Hughs. Huntington. Mellick. & Mc Farlan D members were absent. Messrs Armstrong Bolsford jnr & Osmund elected. The cor. Sect not having any thing to report his report was accepted.

Monthly essayist failed to ~~report~~ perform.

Monthly reporter failed to report.

The discussion of the question of the evening being called for. The first gentleman on the President Affirmative was excused on the ground of having been elected to the office of Rec Secretary. And the gentleman on the Negative being absent Mr. McKinley

was appointed to take his place.
Mr Kirkpatrick was appointed to open the discussion on the affirmative. The question was also discussed by Messrs Saylor Botsford & ~~Howell~~ Howell.

Essayist for Oct 27 ——— Mr Howell

Debaters ——— Mc. Farland & Mc. Kinley

Committe on Questions ——— Saylor & Armstrong.

Reporter ——— Mr Kirkpatrick

The Committe on the revision of the Constitution failed to report. Mr Mc. Kinley was appointed in Mr Klinks place in this Committe.
A Committe consisting of Messrs Kaufman Howell was appointed to confer with the "Committee on Publick Morals, Romanism & Infidelity" as to the propriety of ~~it~~ changing their night of Meeting.
On Motion, the Monthly essayist choose his own subject.
The Committe on Questions reported the following Question for discussion. "Is error most effectually checked by direct attacks or by simple preaching of the truth."
Messrs Hardie & Hodges resignation of membership was accepted.
On Motion the meeting adjourned.
Closed with prayer by Bro. Howell.

D. Henry Kaufman R. S.

Oratory Oct 27th 1851.

The committee met. Called to order by the President & opened with prayer by Bro Bittinger, The roll being called Messrs. Beatie. Bunting. Foresman. Hughs & Taylor. were absent. The minutes were accepted & adopted. Messrs Davis. Barr. Kelley & Cooper were proposed & elected members of the Com. The Corresponding Secratary being absent failed to report.

The Monthly Essayist Mr. Howell performed his duty.

The Monthly Reporter was excused,

The Question for debate was discussed by the regular debators. and others.

Essayist for Nov 24th Mr. Hughes.

Debators ——— { Taylor & Armstrong

Monthly Reporter ——— Mr. Barr.

Com on Questions ——— { Beatie & Bittinger

The Com on the revision of the Constitution failed to report.

The Com On Questions reported the following Question for discussion "Is it right for Candidates in the ministry to preach before recieving Licence"?

On Motion the Com on the Constitution was directed to report on the evening of the 24th of Nov.

On Motion Committee adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Bro Huntington. D. H. Kaufman R.S.

Oratory. Nov 24th 1851.

The committee convened. The President being absent, Mr. Bittinger was elected President protem. The meeting was ~~xxxx~~ opened with prayer by Bro. Eli Botsford. The roll being called Messrs Beattie, Calvin, Davis Foresman, Hughs Kirkpatrick, Mc Farland, were absent.
The minutes were accepted & adopted.
Messrs Lester & Cowhick were proposed and elected members of the committee
The Corresponding Secretary reported no letters written or recieved.
The Monthly essayist (Mr. Hughs) failed to report.
The Monthly Reporter (Mr. Barr) read a report which was accepted.
The question for debate was discussed by the regular debators

Essayist for December — Mr. Huntington

Debators — { Beattie / ~~Bittinger~~

Monthly Reporter — Mr. Melick.

Committee — { Botsford Senr / Botsford Jun

Committee on questions reported. Their report was accepted. The following is the question decided upon for discussion. "Has the licentiate in the Christian ministry a right according to the Scriptures, to administer the Marriage Ceremony". The report of the committee

on the revision of the Constitution was presented and accepted.
On motion the Secretary was ordered to purchase a book in which to place the Constitution,
On motion Messrs Bunting & McKinley were appointed a committee to transcribe the Constitution,
On motion the Com adjourned, with prayer by Mr Barr,

S. Henry Kaufman. R.S.

Oratory Jan 26th 1852.

Committe met
The President in the Chair, prayer by Howell,
The roll being called Messrs Armstrong, Bottsford junr, Cameron, McKinley, Osmund and Taylor were absent.
The minutes were read & adopted.
The annual essayist for February performed & his essay accepted,
The question for discussion was debated by Messrs Howell & Barr,
The Monthly essayist for Feb Mr Kirkpatrick
" " Reporter " " Mr Taylor,
Debators The Messrs Bottsford
The Committee on questions presented their report which was accepted,
The following is the Question decided upon—
"Has the domestic Mission a greater claim upon the Charity of our church than the Foreign Mission, Messrs Huntington & Kelly were

dected a committee to select questions for discussion for the remainder of the Session. On Motion the Committe adjourned. prayer by Mr. Foreman.

D. Henry Kaufman.

Oratory Feby 23rd. 1852

Committee met. President in the Chair - Opened with prayer by Mr Kirkpatrick - Roll called. Absentees ~~Beattie~~, A.P. Botsford E.C. Botsford - Cameron - David Howell, ~~Hughes~~, Kaufmann, Osmond -

Minutes of last Meeting read & adopted -

Cor. Secretary reported -

Mr Kirkpatrick read an Essay.

Mr Taylor failing to read his Monthly Report was requested to prepare one by the next Meeting of Soc.

The Discussion was conducted by Messrs Armstrong & Billinger, appointed by the Chair in the absence of the regular Debators.

The Committee on Questions reported -

Question chosen - "Is it advisable for young men before entering upon the duties of the pastoral office to spend some time as Missionaries"

Debators Banting & Cooper -

Monthly Essayist - Kelly

" Reporter Osmond

Adjourned with prayer by Bro: Melick

W. D. McKinley
Sec. Pro Tem—

Special Meeting.

Oratory. Feb 28th 1852.
The Chairman being absent the meeting was called to order by Mr. McKinley, Chairman pro tem. Prayer by Mr. Bunting. The brother requested did not report as appointed on the preceeding meeting the Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Melick—

D. Henry Kaufman, Sec

Oratory. March 29th 1852.
The Committee was called to order by Bro Dowell. Chairman pro. tem. The roll being called Bros Botsford Sen: & Botsford junr: Malcom. Cameron Cooper. Kelly Melick. McKinley. Lester. Osmond Taylor were absent.
The Minutes were adopted. being corrected as to the names of Beattie. Heights & Davis. whose names were stricken out on a previous meeting Messrs Howell & Kaufman were excused from being absent on the preceeding meeting
Bros Woods. Dunbin. Senr. & Fleming. were proposed & unanimously elected to Membership. The Corresponding Sec being absent. failed to report. Bro. Kelly (The Monthly Address)

failed in his duty, as also did Bro Osmond (the monthly reporter).
The question for debate was then read, and discussed by Mr Bunting on the aff. and by Mr Osmond, on the neg. in the absence of Mr Cooper,
The com on Quest's reported — The Quest. chosen "Has our National Government the right to forbid the opperations of our Domestic Missions?"
Debators for April — Bros ~~Barr~~ Huntington & Howell,
Monthly Essayist — Bro ~~Lester~~ Melick
" Reporter — Bro McKinley.
The Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Barr
Jesse Howell — Pres. pro tem. J. Henry Kaufman.

Oratory April 26th 1852.

The Chairman (as usual) being absent Bro Botsford Senr was called to the chair, Prayer by Bro Howell. The following gentlemen were absent — Armstrong, Calvin, Cameron, Foresman, Kelly, Lester, McKinley, Osmond, Woods & Taylor — The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & adopted, Messrs Botsford Senr Botsford Junr, Cooper & Melick were excused from being absent on the meeting of March.
The Corresponding Secratary being absent, as usual failed to report, The monthly essayist also failed. The monthly reporter was reported absent from the Seminary. The question was discussed by the regular debators.
The Committee for the selection of questions being absent, the President pro tempore, appointed by the instruction of the Meeting. Messrs. Cooper

and Kirkpatrick, who reported the following question - "Is the American Tract Society, by its present system of operations infringing upon the peculiar interests of the Preb. Church."

Essayist for Sept. Bro. Osmond.
Reporter " " " Lester.
Debators { Bros. Dunkin & Kirkpatric

The election of officers was then entered upon when the following gentlemen were elected.

President — J. Henry Kaufman.
Recording Sect. Eli C. Botsford.
Corresponding Sect. J. Kirkpatrick.
Annual Reporter S. M. Osmond. 1st
" " John Kelly 2nd
" Essayist Geo C. Fleming.

Committee for the selection of Questions during the next Session — Kirkpatrick & Cooper.

On Motion, the Committee adjourned

Prayer by Bro. Kirkpatrick.

A. P. Botsford. Pres. pro tem.
J. Henry Kaufman. R. S.

The Committee owes J. H. K. 31 cts for the Constitution book.

Oratory Sept 27th 1852

The Committee was called to order by the President Bro Kirkpatrick opened the Meeting with prayer. The Roll being called Messrs Armstrong Cameron Fleming Junkin E Kelly Lester Osmond were absent. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Admission of new Members being in order the following Brethren were proposed and elected to the Committee viz Chas Ray Jos Beggs Heberton Jewett Geo Barnes Jas Edmons D M Miller F M Symmes

The Corresponding Secty reported that no letters rec'd or sent

The Monthly Essayist being absent from the Seing, failed to report
" " Reporter having been absent at the close of the Term and consequently uninformed of his duty, failed to report
The question was discussed by Messrs Ray Kirkpatrick & Cooper
The Committee on questions reported the following question which on motion was also adopted. viz "Should Voluntary Associations, separate from the Church, for the promotion of morality be encouraged?"
Essayist for Oct & Nov Bro Symmes
Reporter " " " " Armstrong
Debaters Bros { Kelly / Miller

Under Miscellaneous Business, it was moved and carried "that A Committee of three be appointed to bring the subject of the time of meeting, in connection with the time of meeting of the Com on Public Morals &c, before the Board of Managers that our grievances may be redressed" — The President appointed Messrs Kirkpatrick Botsford & Cooper on that Com. On motion Mr Kirkpatrick was appointed a Com to collect of the Members a sufficient amt to pay for the new Constitution Book.
On Motion the Com adjourned Closed with prayer by Bro Cooper
E. C. Botsford R Secy J Henry Kaufman Prest

Oratory Oct 25th 1852

The President called the Committee to order. Prayer by Bro Armstrong. Roll called Absent Bros Beggs Kirkpatrick Miller Lester Kelly. Minutes of last meeting read & accepted Admission of new members in order the following Brethren were proposed & elected viz Jas Reardon McKnight Smith Buckner Ellinwood Lubkert. Bros Armstrong Fleming Junkin & Osmond rendered excuses for absence at last meeting which excuses were accepted as satisfactory by the Com, Bro F M Symmes

then read an interesting essay on the Subject of "Home Mission Reverie" as the cause of wrong notions about the missonary work Bro Armstrong the regular Monthly Reporter failed to report. The question for debate was then read and the regular debaters being absent the President requested Bro Armstrong to open the debate. He complied and was followed in the negative by Bro Ray. Bros Heberton Cooper Junkin Edmonds & Botsford also joined in the discussion The Com on questions reported, which Report was accepted & the second question reported was chosen for debate at the next stated meeting, which is as follows "Will there be a literal restoration of the Jews to Palestine?"

Annual Reporter — Bro Kelly
Essayist for November & Dec — Bro Ray
Reporter " " " — before Secy Singing " Beggs

The Com on time of meeting & Remonstrance, appointed at last meeting, reported. The Report was accepted & the Com continued Debaters Bros Kirkpatrick & Junkin
On motion Com adjourned with Prayer by Bro Junkin

E. C. Botsford Rec Secy — J Henry Kaufman Prest

Oratory Nov 29th 1852

Com convened, opened with Prayer by Bro Kelly. Roll called. Absent Bros Armstrong Cameron Ellinwood Fleming Jewett Lester Osmond. Minutes of last meeting were then read & adopted. Absentees of last meeting rendered excuses which were accepted. The following Brethren were then proposed & elected members of the Com. Messrs. Beggs Malcolm Heberton. Marshall. Gray Wheat. Cor Sec of the Com reported no letters sent or rec'd. Bro Beggs then read Monthly Report which was on motion adopted. Bro Ray then read the Monthly Essay on the Subject of "Parochial Efforts their necessity use & feasibility" which was on motion cordially adopted — Bro Kelly then read the Annual

Report of the Com which was adopted & the Reporter instructed to add to his Report a brief account of the Revivals under Dr Baker & the Rev Mr Hamilton. The Question for discussion was then read & Bro Kirkpatrick was excused from speaking on the Affirmative which was however nobly sustained by Bro Cooper. The Negative was sustained by Bros Edmonds Kelly Heberton Seymour & Smith The Com on Questions reported the following question which was rec'd viz. "Ought Sabbath Schools of all Christian denominations to be established on the principles of the Am S S Union? - Debaters. Affirm Heberton. Neg. Jewett. Monthly Reporter for next meeting Bro Buchner Monthly Essay to be read at the next meeting Bro Redmond The Annual Reporter was then instructed to report from December of one year to December of the next. The Com on change of night of meeting was on motion discharged. On motion Com adjourned with Prayer by Bro

C C Botsford Rec Secty J Henry Hanfman Pres't

Oratory Dec 27th 1852

Committee met Pres't in the chair - Meeting opened with Prayer by Bro Fleming - Roll being called, Bro's Armstrong Botsford Cameron Cooper Gray Jewett Kirkpatrick Malcolm Miller Marshall Osmond Ray & Smith were absent - Minutes read & accepted. Bro Fleming gave an excuse for absence at last meeting which was accepted Monthly Essayist failed to perform his duty. The Monthly Report was then read by Bro Buchner & accepted - The regular Debaters being absent & many members the question was postponed for debate at the next meeting - Debaters - Aff Gray - Neg Fleming Essayist for Jan Bro McKnight - Monthly Reporter Bro Cooper A communication from the Com on Public Morals. Rom Ch & Infidelity was then read & accepted - Action upon it was deferred to the next meeting Adjourned with Prayer by Bro Biggs. E C Botsford Rec Sec't J H Hanfman Pres't

Oratory Jan 31st/53

Committee met. President in the chair. Bro Osmond opened the meeting with prayer. Roll called Absentees Bro's Buckner Cameron Atherton Jewett Tibbert Miller Marshall Smith Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Of the absentees of the last meeting Bro's Armstrong. Botsford Cooper Gray Kirkpatrick Osmond & Ray gave excuses which were ruled by the Com as satisfactory. Bro McKnight then read the monthly Essay. Subject. "The Evangelization of Slavs." or "Slavs a field for Home Missions" Bro Fleming then read the Annual Essay Subject - "Experience of a Bethel Missionary" The appointed question was then discussed Bro's Gray Barnes Beggs Malcolm Edmonds & Symmes speaking on the Aff and Bro's Fleming Armstrong Jenkin Wheat & Ray on the Neg The Monthly Reporter for next meeting Bro Edmonds

" " Essayist " " " Bro Marshall

The following question was then chosen for debate at the next meeting "Is our Theological Seminaries exert an undue influence over the Pros Ch ?- Aff Buckner. Neg Cooper. On motion the Com adjourned with prayer by Bro McKnight.

E C Botsford R. Sec'y

J Henry Kaufman Pres

Oratory Feb 28' 1853

Committee met President in the Chair Opened with prayer by Bro Smith Roll called - Absent - Bro's Armstrong Beggs Botsford Atherton Miller Osmond Riordon Symmes Wheat & Absentees of last meeting were excused. Minutes of last meeting read & accepted Bro Marshall read the Monthly Essay ~~Subject~~ controverting the idea that it is no matter to what Ch a man belongs provided he is only a Christian - Bro Edmonds read the Monthly Report. The question for discussion was postponed to the next meeting. Aff - Barnes Neg Beggs. Monthly Essayist for March Bro Malcolm - Monthly Reporter Bro Fleming. closed with prayer by Bro Edmonds -

E C Botsford R Sec'y J Henry Kaufman Pres

Oratory March 28th 1853

Committee met. President in the chair. Opened with prayer by Bro Cooper. Roll called Absnt Messrs Edmonds Gray Heberton Jewett Junkin Kirkpatrick Miller Osmond – Minutes of last meeting read and accepted – Of Absentees of last meeting Messrs Armstrong Botsford Beggs Reardon Lynnes Wheat were excused As report from Cor Sec'y Bro Malcolm read the monthly essay – Subject "Humility necessary in a home Missionary" – Bro Fleming failed to make the usual monthly Report – He was requested to prepare & submit a Report to the Com before the meeting of the Soc of Enquiry – The regular question was then discussed by Messrs Buckner Botsford Lynnes & Kelly in the Aff – and Messrs Marshall Armstrong & Cooper in the Negative The Com then chose the following question for discussion at the next meeting "Have we sufficient reasons for observing the first day of the week instead of the seventh as the Sabbath? Aff Barnes Neg Beggs Monthly Essayist for May Bro Kelly – Reporter Bro Gray – Com on motion adjourned Prayer by Bro Malcolm

J Henry Kaufman Pres

E C Botsford Secty

Oratory April 1st 1853 11 A.M.

Com met pursuant to call Pres Secty – Bro Kelly Pres Bro Fleming opened with Prayer by Bro McKnight in the chair Absnt Messrs Armstrong Barnes Beggs Edmonds Gray Heberton Jewett Junkin Kaufman Kirkpatrick Marshall Miller – Bro Fleming then read an interesting Report of Revivals throughout the Country – which was on on motion accepted Adjourned Prayer by Bro Lynnes

J Kelly Pres Bro Pres

E C Botsford R Secty

Oratory April 25 1853

Committee met Pres in the chair opened by the R Secty with Prayer Roll called absent Armstrong Junkin Kirkpatrick Kelly Marshall M Knight Bruond Symmes Wheat. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. Of absentees of last meeting Messrs Edmonds & Gray were excused Monthly Essay failed - also Monthly Report -
The discussion of the question was then on motion indefinitely postponed - The Com on Questions then reported the same question for discussion at the next meeting of the Com viz "Have we sufficient reasons for observing the first day of the week instead of the seventh as the Sabbath? - which was chosen by the Com - Affirmative Barnes Neg Beggs - Monthly essayist for Sept Bro Gray Monthly Reporter Bro Malcolm - Under Miscellaneous business the Com proceeded to elect officers for the next term - The following officers were elected -

President	E D Junkin
Recording Secty	Geo W Barnes
Corresponding Secty	E W Cooper
Annual Reporter	E H Malcolm
Alternate	Jas M Edmonds
Annual Essayist	J M Edmonds
Alternate	Geo Marshall
Com on questions	H H Smith & Jas Reardon

On Motion Com adjourned with Prayer by the President

J Henry Kaufman Pres

E E Botsford R Secty

Oratory 26th Sept 1853.

Committee met, President in the Chair. Roll called & Beggs, Gray & Smith were absent. Minutes of the last meeting read & approved. Bro. Kelly & Marshall were excused for absence at the previous meeting. Bro. Mathes was then duly Elected a member of the Committee. The Monthly Essayist was absent. Bro. Malcom read the Monthly Report. One of the regular debaters being absent, Bro. Symmes took his place and the discussion was an animated one, both on the part of the regular disputants & after it was taken up by the house. On motion the same question was continued for debate at the next regular meeting, viz: "Have we sufficient reasons for observing the first day of the week instead of the seventh, as the Sabbath"? Aff. Cooper; Neg. Edmonds. Monthly Essayist for October, Bro. Kelly. Monthly Reporter, Bro. Marshall. On motion of Bro. Edmonds the Constitution was altered so as to allow regular debaters to Exercise a choice of sides upon the question for debate. On motion of Bro. Sewett a Committee Consisting of Bro. Symmes & Sewett was appointed to Confer with the Committee on Public Morals, Romanism & Infidelity in order to settle definitely the time of meeting of the two Committees. There being no further business, the Committee was adjourned after prayer by Bro. Malcom.

E.D. Junkin Pres.

Geo. C. Barnes
Rec. Secretary.

Oratory 31st Oct. 1853

The Committee met, President in the chair & was opened with prayer by Brother Malcom. At the roll Call, Brothers Beggs, Gray, Jewett, Kelly, Lester, Lübkert, Mathes, Marshall & Smith were absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The names of Bros. Kempshall, Chaney, & Avery, were proposed & by an unanimous vote they were elected members of the Committee. Monthly essayist absent. Monthly Reporter failed. The question for debate was then discussed. The Committee on questions reported & the following question was chosen for discussion at the next regular meeting, viz: "Is the custom of having funerals on the Sabbath (when it can be avoided) justifiable"? Aff. Gray. Neg. Jewett. Essayist for Dec. Lübkert. Annual Reporter Malcom. Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Symmes. E D Junkin Pres.

Geo. O. Barnes.
Rec. Secy

Oratory 28th Nov. 1853 –

The Committee met, President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Bro. Kempshall. Bros. Avery, Beggs, Gray, Jewett, Lübkert, Mathes, Malcom, Marshall, Reardon & Smith were absent at the calling of the roll. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved. Bro. McElroy was then duly proposed & elected a member of the Committee. The Reporter & Essayist both absent. The question for discussion postponed until the next regular meeting. Aff. Kempshall, Neg. Kelly. Essayist for Jany. Marshall; Rep. Mathes. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Buckner – Geo. O. Barnes Secy.
E. D. Junkin Pres.

[No meeting in December – Not enough present to form a quorum.]

Oratory, 30th January 1854

The Committee met – president in the Chair. The Secretary being absent – Bro. Cooper was appointed pro. tem. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. McElroy. On Motion the reading of the Minutes, & Calling of the Roll were omitted. Bros. McGilvary, and Wilson, were then elected Members of the Committee. Monthly Reporter failed. Annual essayist failed, but was excused on account of sickness. The question for discussion then came up & the Aff. debater being absent – the Neg. debater declined a discussion. The question then Came before the house & was discussed by Bros. Edmonds, Reardon, Symmes, Marshall, Avery, Beggs, Chaney, Simkin & Sewett. Committee on questions reported, & report accepted. The question chosen for discussion at the next regular meeting was as follows: "Is the modern system of street preaching expedient?" The regular order of business was here suspended in order to elect Bro Armstrong a member of the Com. which was unanimously done. Bros. Sewett & Lubkert excused for absence. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Avery.

Reporter for February – Marshall.
Essayist – – – = McElroy.
Aff. Debater – – = Lübkert
Neg. – – – = Mathes.

Geo. D. Barnes –
Rec. Secretary.

E. D. Simkin Pres.

Oratory 27th February, 1854.

The Com. met; Pres. in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Kelly. Absent, Chaney, Edmonds, Jewett, Lockett, Mathes, Malcom, Marshall, Reardon & Symmes. Bro. Barnes excused for absence at the last meeting. Bro Giltner was then elected a member of the Com. The Monthly Reporter failed. Bro. McElroy read an essay on "Our Foreign Population" The question was then discussed by the regular debaters & briefly by the house. On Motion Bro. Jenkins was appointed to read a report before the Society of Inquiry, without any further action on it by the Committee. Com. on questions reported, and the following was selected as the subject of discussion in March: "Ought old Congregations first be supplied with ministers, before new & waste places are sought out & attempts there made to build up new Congregations"? Aff. Malcom. Neg. McGilvary. Reporter for March. Reardon. Essayist. Symmes. Soc. adjourned with prayer by Bro Beggs.

Geo. D. Barnes.
Rec. Secretary.

Oratory March 27th 1854.

The Committee met. Pres. in the chair. Opened with prayer by Bro Beggs. On motion of Bro Avery, adjourned to meet on next Thursday evening after the speaking of the 3d class.

James L. Reardon
Rec Secretary pro tem.

Oratory 30th March 1854.

The Committe met. Prest in the Chair. On motion of Bro Armstrong the calling of the roll was omitted. so also the calling for excuss for absences of last meeting. On motion of Bro Armstrong the exercises were all suspended except the reading of monthly essay of Bro F. M. Symmes & the monthly report of Bro Reardon. On motion it was resolved to retain the question for descussion selected Feb 27th. viz. "Ought old Congregations first to be supplied with ministers, before new & waste places are sought out & attempts there made to build up new Congregations" Aff Marshall. Neg Mc Elroy. * Com. adjourned with prayer by Bro Mc Elroy. *(Essayist Bro Wilson Armstrong (Reporter Bro Armstrong)

James D. Reardon
Rec Secretary pro tem.

E L. Junkin Prest

Oratory 24th April. 1854

The Committee met. Prest in the Chair, & was Opened with prayer by Bro. Marshall. Absent Kempshall, - Mathes. The Sec. being absent the reading of the minutes was defered, & the regular monthly report read by Bro. Armstrong, - which was adopted.

The minutes of last meeting then read & adopted.

The monthly Essay then read By Bro. Wilson, & was received. On Motion of Bro. Beggs - debate postponed - this being the evening for the Election of Officers.. Repot of comm. on questions received. Question for first meeting next session. "Is the system of Itinerating as practised by the Methodists - expedient" - Aff - Reardon Neg. Symmes. Reporter for Sept. Beggs. - Essayist - Avery.

The Society then entered into Election

of Officers for next session. — which resulted as follows —

President —	Malcom
Recording Sec'y	McElroy
Corresponding Sec'y	Beggs
Annual Reporter	Armstrong
Alternate	Reardan
Annual Essayist	Lubkert
Alternate	Wilson
Comm. on questions —	Avery & Jewett

On motion Committee adjourned — Closed with prayer by Bro. Beggs.

E. D. Junkin Pres'te
H. M. Giltner. Rec. Sec'y pro tem

Oratory Sept. 25. 1854.

The Committee was called to order by the Recording Secretary and opened with prayer by Brother Chaney. The Chairman elect being absent Mr. Beggs was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary had received no letters since last meeting. The Monthly Report was read by Mr. Avery and accepted. Monthly Essay failed. The regular debaters being absent, the discussion of the question was postponed until next meeting.

Essayist for next meeting Chaney; Reporter Edmonds.

On motion it was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to consider and report "how the difficulties arising from the meeting of two Committees on the same evening may be obviated."

Committee Chaney, Edmonds, and Avery.

It was resolved that Two brethren with the Corresponding Secretary be appointed a Special Committee, for this session, to obtain, by correspondence and otherwise, information in reference to the house-field, to be communicated to this Committee.

Committee Beggs (Cor. Sec), Mathus and Chaney.

Adjourned with prayer by bro. Edmonds.

Malcom Pres.

M'Elroy Rec. Sec.

Oratory Oct 30. 1854.

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Brother Reardon. The Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Bros. Reardon and Symmes were excused for absence last meeting. The following persons were unanimously elected members of the Committee; Messrs. Scott, Lewis, Dodder, Harlow, Cameron, Hall, Simonton, & Morrow. The Cor. Sec. Reported letters written to

Rev H. M. Robertson Waukesha. Wisconsin
Rev. Justus T. Umsted Keokuk Iowa
Rev Joshua A. Clayton Waterford Mich.
Rev J. Bowser Lima Ohio
Rev J. F. Cowan Washington Mo.
Rev. S. Hodge Abingdon Va.

The Monthly Essay was read by Bro. Chaney.
The Monthly Report was presented by bro. McElroy and accepted. The discussion of the question was entered into with interest and continued until the hour was expired. On motion of Bro. Lübkert Art 12th of the Constitution was suspended for ½ hour, in order to continue the discussion. The debate was then continued for the specified time.

Question chosen for discussion next meeting "Should the church allow uneducated men to preach?"
Debaters Wilson & Armstrong. Essayist for next meeting Giltner; Reporter Jewett.

Bro. Chaney from the Comm. appointed last meeting offered the following,

"Report of Special Committee appointed to devise means whereby difficulties may be obviated, arising from two Committees meeting the same evening, viz Com. on Domestic Missions and Com. on Public Morals &c.

After due consideration the Comm. are deeply impressed with the necessity of some change to obviate said difficulties; and among all suggested none seems at all practicable except the following, viz, That this Committee meet hereafter on the Monday evening preceding the last Monday of each month"

The Report was accepted and on the motion to adopt the following amendment offered by bro. Symmes was carried, viz, "That this Comm. still feel that they are justly entitled to the last Monday in the month, in preference to any other comm. but for the accommodation of persons who may be members of both Committees they are willing to waive this right." The Report as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Westcott was elected a member of this Committee. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Buckner.

Malcom. Pres.

McElroy Rec. Sec.

Oratory Nov. 20. 1854.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Giltner. In order to attend a lecture to the Society of Inquiry by Rev. Mr. Pease, the Committee adjourned to meet next Thursday evening at the usual hour.

Malcom Pres.
McElroy Rec. Sec.

Oratory Nov 25th 1854.

Committee met pursuant to an adjourned meeting of the 20th inst. The President absent; bro Marshall elected Pres. pro tempore. Secretary absent. Chaney elected Secretary pro tem. Meeting called to order by Pres: opened with prayer by bro. Avery. Roll called, absentees noted. Absentees of previous meeting called on for excuses. All such present excused. The following brethren elected members. viz: Cuthbert, Frazier & McLean. Called for, report of Cor. Sec: bro Beggs absent. also monthly Essay. Sittner, absent. Also monthly report, read by bro Sewell. Motion for its acceptance made & seconded, amended by bro. Matthes, by which bro Sewell obtained permission to make any alterations in the report he might deem proper, before reading to Soc. of Inq. Motion as amended carried. Question discussed by regular disputants. Then thrown open to house for discussion, whereupon several spoke, with apparent interest. On motion time for discussing question extended half an hour, & each succeeding speaker limited to five minutes. Committee on Questions reported; report accepted. Question chosen = "Are the interests of religion promoted by the existence of Sects"?

Disputants.

Aff. Avery.
Neg. Beggs.

Essayist = Kimpshall.

Reporter = Sims.

Closed with prayer by bro Cameron.

Marshall.
Pres. pro tem.

Jas. M. Chaney.
Sec. pro tem.

Oratory Dec. 18. 1854.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Beggs. The minutes were read and adopted. Absentees from last meeting who were present were excused except Bro. Buckner.

Cor. Sec. reported a letter written to Rev. Joshua Phelps of Dubuque Iowa. Bro. Humphall not being present the Monthly Essay failed. Monthly Report was read by Bro. Lewis, and accepted, with leave granted to modify before reading to the Soc. of Inquiry. The Regular disputants being absent, the question for discussion was debated by the Committee at large and with interest. The time for discussion was extended, on motion, twenty minutes.

Essayist for next month Libbert. Reporter Marshall. Question for discussion, "Is the custom of raising funds for benevolent purposes by Fairs, right?"

Aff. Buckner Neg. Cameron.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro.

Malcom Pres.
McElroy Rec. Sec.

Oratory Jan. 22. 1855.

Committee met, The Pres. being absent Mr. Jewett was appointed Pres. pro tem. Opened with prayer by Mr. Mathes. After the calling of the Roll and reading of the Minutes the Chairman appeared and took his seat. Absentees from last meeting excused. Messrs McMillan and Powell were elected members of the Committee.

Mr. Beggs being absent, the Report of Cor. Sec. failed. All the regular performers, disputants, essayist, and Monthly reporter, were absent, and consequently these exercises failed. The question for debate was discussed by the Committee with interest, and on motion the time for discussion was extended half an hour.

Essayist for next month Mathes
Reporter " " " McGilvary
Question "Should agents be generally employed by Missionary Boards in our church?
Disputants Chaney and Cuthbert. On motion of Bro. Chaney it was ordered that Committee meet for the next two months at half past six instead of 7. o'clk.
Closed with prayer by Mr. Wilson

Malcom Pres—
McElroy Rec. Sec.

Oratory Feb. 19. 1855.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Wilson. Absentees from last meeting who were present were excused. Bro Reggs being absent the Report of the Cor. Sec. failed. Monthly Essay failed. Monthly Report read by Mr. McElroy was accepted with leave granted to modify before reading in the Soc. of Inquiry. The Regular Disputants being absent, the question was discussed by Mr. Frazier on the Aff. and Mr. Jewett on the Neg. and afterwards debated at length by the Society.

Question for next meeting "Is it proper for ministers to engage in Secular Teaching?"

Disputants Dodder & Frazier.

Essayist for next meeting McLain. Reporter Reardon.

The following Brethren were reported as having been absent from three meetings of the Committee without offering excuse; Lubkert, Marshall, Scott, Westcott, Humphrey. On motion it was resolved that the consideration of this matter be postponed until next regular meeting, and that in the mean time these brethren be informed of the state of the case.

The following brethren having failed to present Reports to the Committee, Marshall it was resolved that before the Committee proceed to take action on the case these brethren be allowed until next meeting to appear and render excuse.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Armstrong.

McElroy Sec.

Malcom Pres.

Oratory Mar. 19. 1855

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Reardon. The minutes were read amended and accepted. Absentees from last meeting who were present were excused. Mr Lübkert presented satisfactory reasons for absence from previous meetings of the Committee, also Mr. Kumpskall.

Bro. McLain having left the Seminary the essay failed. Bro. Reardon not having his monthly report in readiness to read to the Committee, he was requested to report to the Soc. of Inquiry without reading it to the Committee.

The Question for debate was discussed on the affirmative by Mr. Reardon. Negative by Mr. Dudder, followed ~~noted~~ by other members until the hour for debate had expired. On motion the time was extended twenty-five minutes, and subsequently two minutes longer to allow further discussion.

Disputants for next meeting Giltner & Hall. Question "Is the ordination of Ruling Elder valid when such person is called to preach the Gospel, or should they be re-ordained before assuming the functions of a pastor?

Essayist next meeting ~~Dext~~ Powell.

Reporter " " ~~Sinclair~~ Scott.

Brethren Marshall and Scott being present during the latter part of the meeting, Committee agreed to excuse them for absence from previous meetings.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Scott.

C. Howard Malcom Pres.

T. M. McElroy Sec

Oratory April 23d. 1855.

Committee was opened with prayer by Bro. Marshall, Minute of last meeting accepted, and absentees excused. The Cor. Sec. failed to report. The monthly Report and essay also failed. The question for discussion was postponed in order to attend to the election of officers. Debaters for next meeting Harlow and Lewis. Essayist Simonton, Monthly Reporter Wilson.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President D. McGilvary
Rec. Secretary James S. Simonton
Corresponding Sec. Henry A. Harlow
Annual Reporter James M. Chaney
Alternate James S. Simonton
Annual Essayist Joseph W. Lewis
Alternate Jonathan Wilson
Committee on Questions - McGilvary & Lewis

Under miscellaneous business Mr. Wolcott presented reasons for absence from several meetings of the Committee. On motion his excuses were sustained. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Wolcott.

Chas. Howard Malcom Pres.
John M. McElroy Rec. Sec.

Oratory Sept 17th 1855

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr Simonton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The ~~Executive Committee~~ Members present, Armstrong, Avery, Cameron, Cuthbert, Harlow, McGilvary, Powell, Simonton, ~~Wilson~~ Absent, Chaney & Lewis & Wilson

Mr Kellys name was presented to the Committee & he was received as a member. The corresponding Sec. reported, Letters written to Rev A. J. Bates, Lincoln Penobscot Co Me, Rev Alex. Fairbairn Houston Texas. No letters received. His report was accepted. The Monthly Essay was read and accepted. The Monthly Reporter was absent. The Question for discussion was then read, The debate was opened by Mr Harlow Mr Lewis being absent the question was open for general discussion, Messrs Armstrong & Avery joined in the debate. The Committee on questions reported three the following of which was chosen for discussion next meeting, "Is error most effectually checked by direct attacks or by the simple presentation of the truth,"

Debaters | Powell & Simonton, Essayist Armstrong, Reporter Avery, Miscellaneous business, Mr Wilson having come in, stated that he had

expected to present a report to the Committee but was prevented. On motion he was directed to prepare such Report to be read at an adjourned meeting of the Committee previous to the meeting of the Soc of Inq. It was resolved that such meeting be held Sat evening before the meeting of Society of Inquiry. A motion was now made to adjourn & the Committee was closed with prayer by Mr Armstrong

D. McGilvary Pres.
J. S. Simonton Rec. Sec

Oratory Sept 29th 1855

The Committee met in accordance with adjournment & the President being absent Mr Armstrong was elected Pres. pro tempore. The Monthly Report was then read & accepted. On motion the Society Committee adjourned

D McGilvary Pres

Rec Sec J. S. Simonton

Oratory Oct 22nd 1855

The Committee met at seven oclock & was opened with prayer by Bro. Wilson. On motion the Committee adjourned to give Dr House an opportunity to address the students & to meet immediately after the speaking.

10 & P.M. The Committee met according to adjournment, & it being then too late to transact the business of the Committee that evening, on motion the Committee adjourned to meet next Monday evening

D McGilvary Pres.
J. S. Simonton Rec. Sec.

Oratory Oct 29th 1855.

The Committee met at seven oclock and was opened with prayer by Mr Harlow

The roll was called. Members absent, Armstrong, Avery, Cameron Cuthbert, Lewis.

Excused from absence last meeting Chaney Powell, Seely. The minutes were read and accepted. The following new members were received, McDougall, Sickles, Young.

The Corresponding Sec. reported Three letters written, to Rev Sidney G. Law Osage Mitchell Co Iowa Rev. H. Denison Washington Iowa Rev S. Woodbridge Benicia California. One letter received. His report was accepted,

The Essay was then read and accepted
The Reporter was absent.
The Question chosen for debate was then discussed.
The Committee on Questions then presented three none of which were accepted. The following offered by one of the members was chosen, "Should the work of Church extension be committed to a separate board."
At this juncture the Reporter having entered, it was resolved on motion of Mr Armstrong that he be instructed to present his report before the Soc. of Aug without reading it before the Committee,
There being no further business, on motion the Committee Essayist for next meeting Cameron, Reporter Clancy,
Debates { Wilson
Armstrong.
There being no further business the Committee on motion adjourned, with prayer by Mr Lewis

D McGilvary Pres.
J. S. Smouton Rec. Sec,

Oratory Nov 19th 1855

The Committee met at seven Oclock and was opened with prayer by Bro Avery. The Roll was then called. Absent Cameron Cuthbert. Lewis, McDougall, Tickles & Young, Minutes of last meeting were read & accepted. Julius Spencer was admitted as a new member of the Committee. The Corresponding Sec then presented his report, which report was accepted. The Monthly Essay & Monthly Reporter failed. The ~~Mont Essayist~~ Reporter was excused. The Question for debate was then discussed. The Committee on Questions then reported three the following of which was chosen, "Should persons who are members of the Church by baptism only, be disciplined for immoral conduct,"

Debaters Avery & Chaney. Essayist Harlow, Monthly Reporter ~~Wilson~~, Lewis.

\# On Motion the Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Wilson,

D McGilvary Pres,
J. S. Simonton R.C.
D McGilvary Prest
J S Simonton R.C.

\# Under the head of further business ~~on request~~ Mr Cameron & Cuthbert having requested leave to withdraw from the Committee leave was granted & their names were stricken from the roll,

Oratory Jan 21st 1856.

The Committee met at seven o'clock and was opened with prayer by Bro. McDougall. The roll was then called. Members present Armstrong, Avery, Chaney, Harlow, McDougall McGilvary, Powell, Seely, Sickles, Simonton, Wilson & Young. Absent, Lewis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. The names of absentees from last meeting were then called & excuses received from McDougall Sickles & Young. The name of Mr Sage was then proposed to the Committee & he was received as a member.

The Corresponding Sec reported three letters written & two received. The reading of the two letters was called for. The letters were read & the report accepted. The Monthly Essay & the Report both failed.

The Question for discussion was then read, and debated by Avery & Chaney.

The Committee on Questions presented their report. It was accepted & the following question was chosen for debate next meeting.

"Ought the Presbyterian Church to adopt the Methodist system of Itinerancy, in Missionary operations of the Domestic field." (See minutes No 47)

Debaters appointed - Harlow & Lewis

Essayist - McDougall. Reporter - Powell

On motion the Committee adjourned, with prayer by Bro Young.

D. McGilvary Pres.

J. S. Simonton Rec. Sec.

Oratory Feb.y 18th 1856

The Committee met at 7 o'clock P.M. and was opened by prayer by Bro. Lewis.

In the absence of the Recording Sec.y Mr Harlow was elected, pro tem.

On calling the roll, Messrs Armstrong & Simonton were absent.

Messrs Telford and W. L. Mitchell were nominated and were elected as members.

The Corresponding Secretary reported, "no letters written and one received," from the Rev Sylvester Woodbridge Benicia Cal.a" The reading of the letter was called for and responded to. The Monthly Essay failed.

The Monthly Report failed.

Mr Seely moved "that the Monthly Report be prepared, and a meeting be called to hear it read." After much debate the motion was withdrawn for the consideration of a motion by Bro. Avery "that Bro. Powell be excused from the duty of Reporting." This was lost.

The original motion was then taken up & passed.

A motion was then made & passed that the report be heard on Sat.y March 1st at noon.

The question was then discussed by Messrs Harlow, Lewis Powell, & Chaney.

The hour for the Exercises in Elocution having arrived, it was moved that further business be postponed till the called meeting of March 1st.

Com.ee adjourned with prayer by Mr Chaney.

H. A. Harlow Sec.y (pro tem.)

Oratory March 24th 1856.

The Committee met at 7 o'clock P.M. and was opened with prayer by Bro Mitchell.

On calling the roll Messrs Avery Leely & Telford were absent.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

The Corresponding Sec. reported no letters written, and two received, one from the Rev. J. T. Wells, Agent of the Board in Iowa, the other from Rev. A. Fairbain Huntsville Texas. The reading of the letters was called for. The letters were then read.

The Monthly Essay failed.

The Monthly Report failed.

There being no quorum present, at the time to which the meeting the 18th of Feb. adjourned, there was no question for discussion to night

The Report of the Com: on Question was then made & accepted. The following was chosen for discussion next night. "Should non-church members have the privilege of voting for a Pastor.

Debaters Leely & Sickles.

Essayist — Simonton

Reporter — Telford

On motion the Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr Young.

D McGilvary Pres.

Rec. Sec J. S. Simonton

Oratory April 21st 1856.

The Committee met at six and one half Oclock & was opened with prayer by Bro Harlow

On motion of Mr Harlow the regular exercise of the evening were suspended, & the Committee proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing session.

The Election resulted as follows.

President, Harlow Henry A.
Recording Secretary, James McDougall
Corresponding Sec, J. Kain Large
Committee on Questions and } Edward C Sickles
Walton Powell
Annual Essayist, J. S. Simonton
Alternate, Edward C Sickles
Annual Reporter, Charles H Young
Alternate, J. Kain Large

On motion the Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Kehaney.

D McGilvary Pres.

J. S. Simonton Rec. Sec.

Oratory Sept 15th 1856

The Committee met at 7 O'Clock and was opened by prayer by the President Bro. Harlow. Roll called the following members were absent Mr J. Simonton. Mr McMillen was proposed and elected a member of the committee. Monthly report and essay failed— Question for the evening was taken up and discussed at full length. Question selected for next month. "Ought old congregations to be supplied with Ministers before new and needed places are sought out and attempts there made to build up new congregations" Debaters Messrs Simonton and Telford. Monthly Essayist Young. Monthly Reporter Large Mr W. L. Mitchell was chosen to supply the vacancy in the committee on questions occasioned by the absence of Mr Pickles No further business. Committee adjourned by prayer by Mr Telford

H. J. Harlow Pres
J. McDougall Sec.

Oratory Oct 20th 1856

Committee convened according to appointment and Bro. W. L. Mitchell was chosen President pro. tem in the absence of the Pres. Mr Harlow Roll called Messrs Harlow, Large, Powell, Simonton and Telford were absent. Mr Everitt was proposed and elected a member of the Committee. Monthly report ~~failed~~ was read by Mr Young, and the Monthly essay failed. Debate was postponed till next evening, both debaters being absent. For next meeting Monthly Essayist Mr Dougall, Reporter Mr Millen No more business Committee adjourned

W. L. Mitchell Pres. pro. tem
Jas. McDougall Secretary.

Oratory Monday Evening Nov 17th 1856

Society convened, the Pres., Bro Harlow being in the Chair - was opened with prayer by Bro. Daly - Roll called - Messrs Simmonton and Selford were absent. The Corresponding Secretary reported four letters written and nine received. Letters were sent as follows. to Rev. J. T. Umstead, Keokuk Iowa. Irwin Carson, Oskaloosa Iowa Rev. J. Wells, Dubuque Ia. & Rev E. L. Dodder Fort Dodge Iowa. The monthly essay and report were then read and accepted. In the absense of the regular debaters, the Pres. appointed Messrs Mc Millen & Powell for the discussion of the question. The committee on questions reported three, from which the following was selected for debate next month. "Would the Methodist mode of conducting services be universally adopted." Debaters Messrs Young and Everitt. Monthly Essayist Mitchell. Reporter Powell. Bro Simonton this evening offered his resignation as member of the committee which was accepted. Moved and carried that the Society hereafter meet in the Alexander declamation rooms. No more business the Committee adjourned and was closed with prayer by Brother Everitt.

H. A. Harlow Pres.
J. Mc Dougall Secretary.

Monday Evening Dec 15th 1856

Committee met according to appointment the Pres. Bro Harlow in the chair, - and was opened with prayer. Roll called, absent Messers Mitchell & Powell. The corresponding Secretary reported no letters written and ~~four~~ three received as follows, from Rev Messrs Umstead Carson and Dodder, all of Iowa. Monthly Essay and Report both failed. Essayist and Reporter being absent from the meeting. Bro Young was excused from the debate on the ground of conscientious scruples, and Bro Seely was appointed to open the debate in his place. The committee on questions being absent, the President proposed the following which was accepted, "Is it the duty of ~~Should~~ Theological Students to accept the first call they may receive". Debates Large & McDougall Monthly Essayist for January Seely. Reporter Telford. No more business Committee adjourned.

{Messrs Clark Duryea & Patterson were this evening elected members} H A Harlow Pres
J McDougall Secretary.

Monday Evening Jan 19th 1857

Committee met according to appointment and in the absence of the Pres: Bro Mitchell wall called to the Chair and the meeting was opened with prayer by Bro Young. Roll called and Bros. McMillen & Duryea Seely & Telford Harlow were absent. Corresponding Sec reported one letter received from Rev D. F. McFarland of Elmwood Ill, and two letters written as follows, to Rev Giltner of Nebraska City and to Rev L. G. Bell of Sidney Iowa. Monthly Essay & Report both failed, Essayist and reporter both being absent. The question for the evening was then read and debated by the regular disputants and continued by several others. The committee on questions reported three, from which the following was selected. "Should the American Church give the precedence in its missionary Efforts, to the Domestic field?" Bro Merrill was this evening elected to membership in this Committee

No more business the Committee adjourned

J. McDougall Secretry

Monday Evening Feb 16th 1857

Committee met according to appointment and was opened with prayer by Bro. Merrill. Roll called and Bros. Clark, Duryea Patterson & Telford were absent. Messrs. Spencer, Riedy, Reily and Wells were elected to membership in the committee. Corresponding Secretary reported as follows.— No letters received and and two written,—to Rev J A McLung D.D. of St Pauls Minnesota, and to Rev Rev F. Taylor of Dallas, Texas. Monthly Essay was read by Bro Young. Monthly Report was read by ~~failed~~, ~~reporter being absent~~ Bro Clark. The appointed question was duly discussed with appropriate interest. Essayist for next month Bro Duryea Reporter, Bro Everitt. Question for debate, "Are revivals the legitimate outgrowth of a healthful Christian life in the church?" Debaters, Bros. Patterson & Powell. No more business, the Committee adjourned with prayer

J. McDougall Secretary

Monday Evening Mar. 16th

Committee met according to appointment, in the Alexander Class Room, and was opened with prayer by Bro Mitchell. Roll called and Bros. Duryea, McMillen Seely and Patterson Telford and Wells were absent. Messrs Heagen, Smith, Adams Proctor and Gilmore were this evening elected to membership in the committee. Corresponding Sec. reported no letters received or written. Essay (Duryea) failed. Report was read by Everitt. Essayist for next month Large, Reporter McDougall. Question for discussion, "Should lay preaching be encouraged?" Debaters, Reily & Riedy. No more business, Committee adjourned with prayer.

J McDougall Secretary

Alexander Room April 20th 1857

Committee met, Br Harlow being in the chair, and was opened by prayer by Bro Merrill. Roll called and Bros Clark, Duryea, McMillen, Mitchell, Patterson Powell, Seely, Telford, Spencer, & Wells & ~~Jones~~ were absent. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Corresponding Secretary reported no letters received or written. Monthly Essay was read by Bro Large. Report by McDougall. It being the last meeting of the session, it was moved and carried, that the debate be postponed to make way for the Annual Election of Officers for the ensuing session. The election resulted as follows!

President	McDougall
Recording Sec.	Everitt
Corres. Sec.	Spencer
Annual Essayist	Merrill
Alternate	Patterson
Annual Report	Clark
Alternate	Pretor
Comm. on Trust.	Patterson & Spencer

No more business, the Committee adjourned with prayer by Brother Clark

Jas McDougall Secretary.

Alexander Room Sept 21st/57

Committee met & the Chairman being absent Mr Rosser was elected Chairman & opened the meeting with prayer. It is matter of regret that at the calling of the roll so many were absent viz Bros Adams Clark Duryea Gilmore Heagan McDougall Spencer Telford Wells & Young. Bro Clark & McDougall afterwards came in. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The absentees of last meeting all absent yet to night. Bro Farnham was the elected a member of the Committee The Corresponding Secy was absent. Bro Merrill the monthly Essayist failed to read any essay but was excused by the Committee because he had not been regularly appointed at the last meeting. The monthly report was then read by Bro Patterson & after some discussion it was accepted. The question for debate was then discussed by Bro Reily Affy & By Bro Ricely Negy after which it was discussed by Bros Meyer & Proctor Affy Bro Clark & Bro Patterson Negy. The committee of questions failing to report, the following question was selected for Debate at the next meeting viz "Which is the better means of ridding Utah of the curse of Mormonism the armed forces of the U. S. Government or the Moral influences of Missionary effort." Debaters for the next meeting Rosser & Spencer. Monthly Essayist Gilmore. Monthly Reporter Proctor. Resolutions were passed asking the Corresponding Secy to obtain information if possible concerning Missionary Efforts in California & Washington Territory. No more business Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Farnham.

Bro Rosser Pres Protem

B. S. Everitt Secy

Alexander Room Oct 19th 1857

The Committee met & the Pres being absent Brother Farnham was elected Pres pro tem & the room was opened with prayer by Bro Cobb. Roll called & Bros Dunyea McDougall, Reily, Riedy, Wells & Young were absent. Minutes of the last meeting were read & after being properly amended were approved Bros Gilmore & Spencer were excused for absence from the last meeting. Messrs Mitchell, Feagles Meyer, Thorburn, Cobb, Henry, Marshall & Finney were elected members of the Committee. The Cor Sec'y reported & read one letter received & J. D Powell Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, & one from Rev A Williams in reference to California Bro Gilmor than favored us with an essay entitled "A plea for Domestic Missions" Monthly report was read by Bro Proctor. The question was then discussed by the regular debaters Rosser & Spencer & afterwards by Bros Patterson, Telford Merrill & Gilmore. The Committee of questions reported regularly. The question chosen for debate next meeting is as follows. "Which has the stronger claim upon the American Church the Domestic or Foreign Missionary field"

Essayist for next meeting Feagles
Annual Reporter Clark
Debaters Smith & Telford

No more business Committee adjourned
Prayer by Bro Smith

Farnham Pres protem
B Everett Sec'y

Alexander Class Room Nov 16th 1857

The Committee met & the President being absent Bro Merrill was elected Pres pro tem. Prayer by Bro Clark. Roll called & the following members were absent Duryea, Beagles, McDougall, Mitchell, Proctor Reilly Reidy Telford. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. Bro Wells was excused from absence from last meeting. Bro Wm Cochrane was elected a member of this Committee The Corresponding Secy reported no letters written & none received. He was requested to write to Bro Large of Ill. & Bro Gibbon of Nebraska City. The Monthly Essayist being absent there was no essay read. The Committee then resolved, "That it hold a special meeting on Nov 19 to hear the annual report if not now being completed" The question for debate was discussed by the Debaters Smith & Clark & then with much interest by Messrs Posser Meyer Cobb & Thorburn. The following preamble & resolutions were then adopted.

Whereas it has pleased that God who doeth all things well to remove by death on Nov 15th 1857 Bro Chas H. Young a faith member of this Committee Therefore

Resolved That while we bow submissively to the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we mourn the loss of a beloved Christian Brother an earnest coworker with us in the duties of this Committee, & one whose life had been devoted to the missionary work

Resolved that we mingle our sympathies

with the friends of the deceased & pray that He who is ever ready to dry the mourners tears, may be with them to comfort & support them in this their great affliction, hoping that it may lead them & us to imitate our departed Bro Mens faithfullness, prayfullness & zeal"

The Essayest for ~~next month~~ December Farnham

" Reporter " " Reily

The question for debate for " "In the present state of the Church & the world, should a candidate for the ministry consider that his call is to the foreign ~~field~~ missionary field unless a special reason exist to the contrary"

The debaters Thorburn, & Wells.

No more business Committee adjourned

Benj Everett Sec'y.

Miller Class Room Nov 19th 1857

The Committee met according to resolution of last meeting, & Bro Cobb was called to the Chair & opened the meeting with prayer after which the Committee listened with pleasure to the Annual Report from Bro Clark, which was adopted.

No more business Committee adourned.

B S Everett Sec'y

Alexander Class Room. Dec 14th 1857

Committee met at the call of the President & Bro Telford elected Chairman & Messrs Cooke, Dinsmore, & Thoon were proposed & elected members of the Committee after which Committee adourned

B. S. Everett Sec'y

Alexander Class Room Dec 21st 1857

Committee met, Bro Smith in the Chair. Opened by prayer from Bro ~~Clark~~ Marshall. Absentees Adams J. H. Clark. Duryea. Feagles. Finney. McDougall. R. M. Paterson Wells. Mr Weidman proposed & elected a member of the Committee. Corresponding Sec'y reported no letters received, & two written one to Bro Large & one to Bro Dodder. The Essay read by the Sec'y & the report given by Bro Rosser which was accepted. The regular debaters being absent Bro Telford was appointed on the affirmative & Bro Marshall on the negative, who debated the question with much interest, & were followed by Messrs Gilmor Merrill, Cochrane, Coble, & Rosser. The question chosen for next meeting is the following "Are strictly sectarian schools expedient"

Debaters for Jan Adams & J. H. Clark
Monthly reporter " " Spencer
Annual Essayist Merrill.
Assestant Paterson R. M.

Mr Shorburn then resigned his membership of the Committee

It was then moved that we elect a new President which motion after discussion was laid on the table. The Committee then adjoured with prayer by Bro Telford.

Jos. D. Smith Pres pro tem B. S. Everett Sec'y

Alexander Class Room Jan 18th 1858

Committee met. Spencer Pres pro tem, prayer by Bro Feagles. Roll called & absent Adams, Daryea Kearney, Henry, Marshall, McDougall, Proctor, Reily Smith, Telford Thom. Minutes read & approved. Bros Feagles, Clark & Patterson excused from attendance absence from last meeting. Cor. Secy reported no letters written & none received. Requested to write to S. D. Wells of Iowa. Annual Essay read by Bro Merrill. Monthly report by Bro Spencer, Recieved & adopted. The Question for debate then taken up. Adams absent & Weidman appointed in his stead, on affirmative, J. H. Clark on Negative they followed in general debate by Cobb, Patterson, Cochrane & Dinsmore. The following question chosen for debate for next Evening, viz " Should Presbyterian Churches be established in districts where there are churches of other denominations, or those places left & unoccupied ground sought out"

Agreeably to Art 9th of our Constitution the names of Bro's McDougall & Daryea were Erased from the Roll. The Committee then proceeded to Elect a President to fill the vacancy occasioned by the above action in regard to Mr McDougall, & Mr Wells was Elected. Essayist for Feb. Dinsmore Reporter Smith, Debaters Cobb & Cochrane. No more business Committee adourned

Tom. L. Rosser Secy

Julius Spencer Pres pro tem. Pro. tem

Alex. Recitation Room. Feb 13/58.

The Committee met at the usual hour the President being in the Chair. Prayer by Bro Merrill. Roll Called & absentees recorded on Roll. Bro's Smith & Henry giving good reasons for absense from last meeting were excused. No report from the Corresponding Secy The Committee listened with pleasure to the Monthly report by Mr Smith & accepted the same. The question was then Discussed, Bro Merrill being appointed to take Bro. Cobb's part he being absent. Bro Cochrane followed after which in the general debates we were interested by earnest remarks & weighty arguments from Bro's Dinsmore Henry. Cochrane, Teagles & Merrill. The Monthly Essay was then read by Bro Thom. Its subject was "The wants of the Domestic Field." The following question was chosen for discussion for next month. "Ought Presbyterian Churches to encourage the reading of manuscript sermons in the pulpit" Debaters for next meeting Cooke & Dinsmore.

Essayist for next meeting Cooke.

Reporter " " " Telford

No more business Committee adjourned. Prayer by Adams.

Wm. M. Wells. Pres.

B. D. Everett Secretary.

Alex Room March 25th 1858

Special meeting at call of the President. Bro Gilmor in the Chair. prayer by Bro Mitchel. Monthly report for March read by Bro Thom. Received & adopted. Prayer by Bro Rosser. Committee adjourned

Everett Secy. Gilmor Pres. pro. tem.

Alexander Recitation Room

March 15th 1858

The Committee met, the President being in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Bro Merrill. Roll called & absentees marked on it. Paterson, Farnham & Reily excused for absence from last meeting. Corresponding Secy reports one letter written to S. D. Wells of Iowa. Monthly Essay read by Bro Cooke. Monthly Reporter Absent, but Bro Thom offers to write the monthly report before the next meeting of the Soc. of Inquiry. The Debate was postponed on account of the Annual Election. The Committee then proceeded to elect their Officers for the ensuing Year. which Election resulted as follows.

For President Everett.
" Secretary Cochrane
" Cor. " Rosser
" Annual Essayist Thom
" " Reporters Dinsmore & Seagles
" Committee on Questions. Smith & Farnham.

The Reporter for next meeting Marshall
" Essayist " " " Cochrane.

The Committee then adjourned to meet at the call of the Pres, to hear the Monthly report from Bro Thom.

H. M. Wells Pres.

B. S. Everett Secy

Alexander Recitation Room

September 20th 1858.

The Committee Met at the usual hour. The President in the Chair. Prayer by Mr Smith. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved &c. Roll called and absentees recorded - Brother Cable was excused for absence on several former Meetings. Essay read by Brother Cochrane. Monthly Report by Brother Marshall which on Motion was adopted - On separate Motions Messrs Blauvelt - Bryant and Barnard were admitted Members of the Committee. Leave of Absence was granted Mr Marshall for the Evening. The Debate was then entered into. Subject "Ought Presbyterian Churches to encourage the reading of MS Sermons in the Pulpit"? In the absence of Mr Cook at the Opening of the discussion Brother Mitchell was appointed in the affirmative - After the speeches of the Proponent and respondent the debate was Continued by Brothers Henry - Thom - Seagles - Merrill - Paterson, Smith - Cook & Cochrane -

The Committee on Questions handed in a report which was received. The following on Motion was adopted - "Should the Minister of the Gospel spend all his time in his Study preparing Sermons, or only part time, and the remainder in pastoral Visitation"?

Debaters for next Evening Seagles & Sinney

Reporter " " - Henry

Essayist " " - Gilmore

Mr Reese's resignation as a Member of the Committee and as Corresponding Secretary was on

motion accepted - On Motion the Committee entered into an election for the Office of Corresponding Secy - Mr. Mitchell was elected -

On Motion the President was instructed to move at next Meeting "of Board of Directors of the Society" that the number in each of the Committees be extended to 40 instead of 30, and that no member be connected with "More than One Committee"

On Motion the Society adjourned, after Prayer by Brother Bryant

B. F. Everett Presdt.

Wm. Cochrane Secy.

Report of Secy (Corresponding)
5 Letters written since last Meeting - none received.
One to Revd. G. P. Bergen Omaha City Nebraska Territory
" " H. H. Noble Cape Girardeau Mo
" " H. H. McNair Eau Claire Wisconsin
" " B. N. Jawtelle Batesville Ark -
" " C. B. H. Martin Coydon Indiana -

Alexander Recitation Room
October 18th 1858

The Committee met at the usual hour. In the absence of the President Mr. J. D. Smith was elected Presdt. pro: Tem - Meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Thom. Minutes of last Meeting read & approved off. Rolled called & absentees recorded. Brothers Clark & Reidy excused for absence last Meeting - Brother Procter who was absent also, remained unexcused for want of an excuse. On separate Motions

Brothers Mackline - Rose - Voris - Burroughs, Corbet & Vamp were admitted Members of the Committee. Corresponding Secretary reported no letters written & none received. Monthly Essay read by Brother Gibson - subject "seeking for a settlement" - Monthly Report by Brother Henry - on motion received & adopted. On motion the discussion on the question was indefinitely postponed. The Committee on Questions handed in a list from which the following was selected for discussion next evening "Should the General Assembly take action in preparing and publishing a Commentary on the Holy Scriptures"? Disputants for next Evening Messrs Hedman & Smith - Monthly Essay 1st - Barnard - Reporter - Adams. Mr. Blannett resigned as a Member of the Committee, which resignation on motion was accepted. On motion Society adj^d - after prayer by Mr. Marshall.

Wm Cochran Sec^y

B. S. Everett
Pres^t.

Alexander Class Room
Nov 15th 1858.

The Committee met this evening in the usual place. The President in the Chair. Meeting opened with Prayer by Mr. Henry - Minutes of last Meeting read and approved &c. Roll called and absentees recorded. The following members absent on last evening & other occasions were on separate motions excused. Adams - Everett - Farnham and Merrill -

Messrs Geyer and Craven were admitted members of the Committee. In absence of the Corresponding Secretary, the President reported that no letters had been written & none received - Part of the Annual Report was read by Mr. Dinsmore - The part on "Revivals" allotted by to Mr. Eagles was unprepared an account of his sickness - On motion the part read by Mr. Dinsmore was received & that of Mr. Eagles was deferred to be heard at a future meeting. The debate was then entered into - subject "Should the General Assembly take active in preparing and publishing a Commentary on the Holy Scriptures?" In Mr. Wiedman's absence, Brother Henry was appointed on the affirmative - Mr Smith followed on the negative. afterwards a very spirited & lengthy debate was continued by Messrs Dinsmore - Proctor - Merrill - Everett, & Cochrane. From a list of 3 questions submitted by the Committee the following was selected for discussion next Evening "Is it right to raise monies to support the Gospel by means of fairs"? Debaters Vannuys & Voris. Reporter for next Evening, Bryant. Critic - Bowens. Messrs Dinsmore & Eagles were excused for absence on last Evening. Mr Finney having been absent on 3 successive evenings, from meetings of the Committee the Secretary was instructed to report his name to the Board of Managers. On motion the Society adjourned, after Prayer by Mr. Marshall.

Wm Cochrane Secy

B. F. Everett Pres't

Alexander Class Room Nov 29/58.

An adjourned Meeting of the Committee was held here today for the purpose of hearing the report on Revivals, which was read by Mr. Dinsmore and on Motion accepted. Mr. Nimo was admitted a Member of the Committee —

Wm. Cochrane Secy

B. S. Everitt
Presdt.

Alexander Class Room Decr 20/58.

The Committee met this Evening at the usual hour. In the absence of the President Mr. Dinsmore was appointed Chairman pro Tem. The Secy being absent I B Adams acted in his Stead. After the Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Farnham led in Prayer. Roll Called & the following members absent Barnard - Coble - Cochrane - Cook - Corbet. Feagles. Finney. Geyer - Gilmore Henry - Marshall - Merrill - MacClure. Thom and Wiedman names of absentees on last Meeting were read & Messrs. Burrows Clark & Riedy excused on separate Motions. Messrs. Baird & J M Morrison were proposed as Members and elected. The Report of the Corresponding Secy failed. A Letter was read from Brother Gilmer of Nebraska City, by Mr. Dinsmore. Monthly Essay was then read by Mr. Burrows - The Monthly Reporter was allowed till next Month. The discussion of the question was then entered into by Messrs. Vannuys - Voris - Proctor - Merrill & Burroughs. The following Question was adopted for next Meeting "Is error most effectually checked by direct Attacks or by the simple Preaching of the truth". Disputants Thom & Ross — Essayist. J H Clark — " Reporter — Bryant.

a Committee was appointed to confer with Mr Kinney who had been absent 4 Meetings in Succession. Mr Dinsmore resigned his Membership of the Committee which was accepted - The Corresponding Secretary was requested to write C. R. Haskell Lane Seminary Walnut Hills Cincinnati Ohio. Rev. Wm Bishop Lawrence Kansas - & H Sloan Washington Territory - Robert Robe Minnesota Mr Riedasser St Carls - Mr Hukeman & Mr Hortman.

After Prayer by Mr Thom the Committee on Motion adjourned

Wm Cochrane Secy

B S Everitt Presdt.

Alexander Class Room

January 14th 1859

The Committee met this Evening at the usual hour. The President in the Chair - Meeting opened with Prayer by Brother Mitchell - Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved of. Mr M Wilson was proposed as a Member of Committee & unanimously elected. Roll Called Following Members found absent - Adams - Barnard - Barnes - Clark - Cobb - Corbet - Farnham - Feagles - Kinney - Kingsley - Marshall - Morrison - Mitchell - Munro - Merrill - Macbline - Patterson - Richey - Smith - Thom. Messrs Cochrane - Everett - Geiger Cook and Gibson were on separate Motions excused for absence at last Meeting - Brother Hiedman

was not excused. Corresponding Secretary reported no letters written and none received - The Monthly Report was read by Brother Bryant & accepted. Debate entered into. Mr. Thom being absent Mr. Mitchell was appointed in his place. Messrs. Ross - Thom - Friedman - Clark - Cochrane - Marshall & Gilmour followed & the debate was carried on with much Vigor, till the time for Closing arrived - A Motion to Continue the Debate was lost by the Casting Vote of the Chairman. Committee on Questions handed in a report which was accepted - Question Selected for next Evening was as follows "Is the present Method of instructing the Young in Sabbath Schools preferable to the old system of Catechising by the Minister? Debaters for next Evening Proctor & Kiedy - Mr. J H Clark was on Motion censured for not coming forward with the regular Monthly Essay & without any excuse for neglect - Reporter for next Meeting Craven - Essayist - Coble - Mr. Thom declined his office as Essayist (Annual) & an election was entered into by ballot, which resulted in the election of Mr. J H Clark - The Committee appointed to wait on Mr. Finney were called on for a Report, but were absent. It was then Moved & Seconded & Carried by a Majority that his name be stricken from the Roll & said action reported to the Board of Managers - Mr. Corbet was excused for absence at last Meeting. On Motion the Society adjourned till such time as the Annual Essay would be read -

The Meeting was closed with Prayer by Mr. Clarke
Wm Cochrane
B. S. Everitt Presdt. Secretary

Alexander Class Room
Jany 29/59. 12 noon

An adjourned Meeting of the Committee was held today - Mr. Morrison in the chair - Mr. J H Clark read the Annual Essay which after some remarks was adopted -

On Motion the Committee adjd -
Wm Cochrane Secy.
p. J. B. Adams

Alexander Class Room
February 21. 1859

Committee met at the usual hour - President being absent Bro Gilmore was called to the chair - Meeting called to order - Opened with prayer by Bro Nimmo The Secretary being absent Bro Adams was appointed to fill his place. Roll called absentees noted - Bros Barnard Baird Bryant Clark Cochrane Cable Cook Everett Fairham Feagles Henry Marshall Morrison Merril Patterson Proctor Ross Smith Weidman found absent Messrs Mc Kinney & Taggart elected members. Messrs Adams Burroughs Nimmo McClure Reidy & Thom were on separate motions excused for absence at former meetings of Committee Corresponding Sec absent, Monthly Essay failed Monthly Report read by Bro Craven & received. After which the Cor-Sec, being in the Room, was on motion called on for his report Reported Letters written to Rev C. R. Haskell Lane Seminary Ohio Rev Wm Bishop Lawrence Kansas. Rev Bicheldaffer St Pauls Min Rev J P Conkey Bellevue Iowa. Received a letter from Rev

Richardoffer St Paul Min which was read The Report was received Question for debate was then taken up Proctor being absent Bro Simmo was appointed in his place Messrs Reidy Thom Mitchell Marshall Simmo & Geyer took part in the discussion Committee on Questions reported & report received- Question selected for discussion next evening as follows Should persons who are only baptised Members of the church be disciplined for immoral conduct Debaters for next evening Patterson & McClure Reporter for next evening Corbet - Essayist Cook No Miscellaneous business

Meeting closed with Prayer by Bro Geyer

B. S. Everett Prest O. B. Adams Sec Pro tem

Alexander Class Room

March 21st 1859.

The usual Monthly Meeting of Committee was held this evening. In the absence of President Mr Adams was called to the Chair - Meeting opened with prayer by Brother Hickson. Minutes read of last meeting & approved off. Roll called and absentees marked - absence of last Meeting read & the following excused- Marshall - Cochrane - Patterson - The question being was debate was entered into. In the absence of Brother MacClure, Mr Marshall was appointed in his place. The Debate was then entered into, & continued with considerable interest by Messrs Patterson, Marshall, &c.

Debaters for next Meeting Simmo & Morrison Reporter for next Meeting Teagle - Essayist Geyer - No Corresponding Secretary read

a Letter from Revd Wm Bishop containing interesting details concerning Kansas. The Monthly Essayist failed - Monthly Report by Brother Corbet read & adopted - Committee then entered into the Election of Officebearers for the ensuing Year which resulted as follows

President Mitchell

Secy - Vesper

Cor. do - Bryant

Annual Reporters - Cochrane & Vamp

Annual Essayist Teagle.

Committee on Questions - Craven & Taggart.

Mr Cochrane declined the election of annual Reporter

The Committee on Questions handed in a list for next Evening which was accepted and the following Question "Should lay Preaching be allowed to any extent in times of Awakening and revival" -

The Society then on Motion adjourned till the 3rd Monday of September - Meeting closed with Prayer by Brother Baird

Wm Cochrane Secy -

J Adams Pres. Pro Tem

Committee, Abolished by the establishment of "The Theological and Religious Soc". in place of the old time honored Soc. of Enquiry of which this Comm. was a subordinate;

J. K. G

~~Bailey~~ Roll

~~Ballantyne~~

Bannard

Breed

J. S. Brown

Bruce

~~Buchanan~~

Bergen

Davis J. B.

Carroll

Cheek

~~Crawford~~

Dinsmore

Eels

Emerson

A. J. Graham

Harrison

Johnson

Merrill

Patterson

Clark

Dungee

Rosser

Gilton Mr

N. G. Bell

Kirk Wm H.

Lee

Little

Nair

Niles

~~Rice~~

Robertson

Riheldaffer

Reed J. G.

Wayne

~~Silliman~~

Paxton

Osmond

Reeves

Waldron

McGuire

H. Wilson

J. B. Adams

J. B. Adams

Wm B.

Princeton Sem.

Calvin

Mary

Modus Operandi.

1. Call to order.
2. Prayer.
3. Roll.
4. Minutes of last meeting read & accepted -
5. names of absentees Excuses & accepted -&
6. admission of new members.
7. Report of Cor. Sec. - accepted -
8. Monthly Essay.
9. Monthly report, except when annual report occurs. accepted &c.
10. Question for Discussion. Sec. reads the names of disputants.
11. Report of Com. on questions for next time.
12. Sec. reads names of 2 disputants.
13. Essayist for next meeting in alphabetical order
14. ~~Election~~ of Reporter for next meeting in alphabetical order from opposite direction
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. motion to adjourn -
17. Closed with prayer.

Monday

Last Monday

Heaven
Smith
Adams
Gilmore
Proctor